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Outlook bleak for coal board's talks with miners

● **Miners' leaders meet the National Coal Board today for a third round of peace talks, against a background of increasing pessimism**

● **Disclosures in *The Times* that the board still intends to close uneconomic pits have worsened its relations with the union**

● **Action by railmen stopped the movement of coal to the Llanwern steelworks but minimal supplies are expected today**

● **The president of the Northumberland NUM appeared in court with 11 miners for alleged offences during the miners' rally in London**

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Miners' leaders meet the National Coal Board today for a third round of peace talks against a background of growing pessimism, after a warning from the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Arthur Scargill, that "we are on target for more and more conflict".

Discussions between coal board team headed by its chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, and top-level union officials, led by Mr Scargill, are to take place at a secret location outside London on the eve of a key meeting of the union's national executive.

Neither side expects the latest bargaining session to yeild a quick formula to end the pit strike, now in its fourteenth week, and indications last night pointed to a worsening of relations after disclosures in *The Times* yesterday that the board is sticking to its guns on the closure of "uneconomic" pits.

Mr Scargill said yesterday: "When we meet Mr MacGregor, we shall be telling him – as we have done every time we have met him – that we are not prepared to resolve this dispute until he withdraws his threat to close pits. That is clearly in violation of an agreement accepted by Mrs Thatcher's Government as recently as 1981."

He described board proposals for a new version of the 1974 *Plan for Coal*, envisaging a cutback now but an expanded production target of between 125 and 150 million tonnes in the 1990s, as fresh evidence of "butchering" in the industry.

Speaking on BBC radio, Mr Scargill added: "The revised *Plan for Coal* merely confirms that the NUM arguments are being substantiated, and that the real intention of the coal board is to close 70 to 100 pits and reduce manpower by 70,000 to 100,000. There can be no other interpretation put on it.

"The fact that Mr MacGregor wants to withdraw what he describes as uneconomic capacity means he is intent on butchering this industry." The board chairman's language was "the language of one who tells lies and distorts the facts". Mr Scargill went on, "I would not trust Mr MacGregor if he told me the time of day".

Mr Scargill's riposte followed comments by Mr MacGregor in the interview describing him as "a Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde", and brings the personal slanging match between the two men to an all-time pitch of bitterness.

"I think that what Mr MagGregor has said in *The Times* shows quite clearly that Mrs Thatcher is pulling the strings of this American puppet", he said. "We are on target for more and more conflict."

In a television interview later, he said that the coal board chairman's comments in *The Times* were a sign that he was "acting in desperation". Mr Scargill said that he was more confident of victory than at any other time during the dispute.

The board was taking a more optimistic view of its prospects last night, pointing out that a record number of men had clocked on for the day shift in Lancashire – 1,416 out of about 7,000 in the coalfield.

● Mrs Thatcher told the Commons yesterday that she would not overrule the nationalized industries if they decided to take civil action against secondary picketing (Our Political Correspondent writes).

Last week's *Daily Mirror* leak of Department of Transport papers disclosed that Mr Bob Reid, chairman of British Rail, had been told "to avoid an approach to the Attorney Geneal's office".

But when Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, yesterday told Mrs Thatcher that she should not pretend that she was not involved in British Rail's legal decisions, she said she would not override their decision if they wished to invoke the civil law.

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Railmen stop Llanwern supply

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Action by railmen in support of the pit strike caused further disruption yesterday as another 16 workers were sent home at the key Shirebrook depot near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire and crucial fuel supplies for the Llanwern steelworks in Wales, were stopped.

A total of 48 men out of 140 have now been suspended at Shirebrook, which supplies two power stations with coal from 14 pits.

Some men were still working at the depot, and coal was getting through, but "not as much as we would expect normally," according to a British Rail spokesman.

The action came in response to instructions from the National Union of Railwaymen and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen to "black" trains carring fuel to power stations and steelworks.

But last night miners' leaders in South Wales gave new assurances that enough coal would be supplied to Llanwern to prevent damage to furnaces and ovens.

Five weeks ago an agreement was struck allowing two dozen trainloads of coal and coke a week in to the steelworks. But on Monday the rail unions suddenly called a halt to the movement of all coal.

The South Wales miners' executive council is expected to announce today that minimal supplies will be resumed.

● Dennis Murphy, aged 57, president of the Northumberland branch of NUM, appeared with 11 miners and five others at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court yesterday after the miners' rally in London last week. They were variously charged with obstructing police and using threatening behaviour. All were bailed.

● New productivity records were announced yesterday for Agecroft colliery, near Manchester, with a peak of 31.3 tonnes per manshift, compared with the previous record set in 1979 of 15.14 tonnes.



First words

First words: Prince William playing in the garden of Kensington Palace yesterday, when he made his first brief speech in public (Report and more photographs, page 3)

Takeover talk at Fleet St papers

By William Kay
City Editor

Speculation on the future ownership of two of Fleet Street's biggest newspaper groups, Fleet Holdings and Mirror Newspapers, was mounting last night.

The socialist millionaire, Mr Robert Maxwell, named in the past as a possible Mirror Group bidder, was said to be keenly interested, amid reports of intense behind-the-scenes activity.

The shares of Fleet, owner of the *Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star*, jumped 7p to 182p at one stage yesterday before closing at 178p.

More than a million shares changed hands in the expectation that Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian businessman who owns Associated Communications Corporation in this country, was about to make a takeover bid.

At the same time stock market rumours were growing that Reed International may not after all float its subsidiary, Mirror Group Newspapers, as a separate public company. MGN owns the *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror*, *Sunday People*, *Scottish Daily Record*, *Sunday Mail* and *The Sporting Life*.

Mr Maxwell, the former Labour MP who runs the British Printing and Communications Corporation, was widely believed in the City to be keen to buy Mr Holmes à Court's 10 per cent stake in Fleet.

Mr Maxwell said last night: "I never comment on rumours, but I am watching both the Mirror and Express situations with great care."

Although Mr Holmes à Court was thought more likely to press on with his plan to bid for Fleet Holdings, it would still be open to Mr Maxwell to make a higher offer.

Neither owns newspapers in this country with daily circulations of more than 150,000 and this would not face automatic investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

A larger proportion of the Fleet shares on offer yesterday were understood to have been bought by a single broker acting for a Swiss source.

Mr Holmes à Court left London for Australia yesterday.

But the belief is gaining ground in business circles that Reed will have to call off the Mirror flotation.

The MGN chairman, Mr Clive Thornton, former head of the Abbey National building society, has been beset by labour relations problems since he took over last October. He was reported in *The Times* yesterday to have received two offers of jobs elsewhere.

Reed would find it difficult in this climate to gain the price they want for MGN shares and it is becoming more probable that a higher price could be obtained from an outright sale

Cash for societies plummets

Building society net receipts for May fell to £482m from £683m in April, the lowest for nearly a year, raising fears of a rise in British interest rates Page 19

Lonrho pressure

Continuing pressure from the Office of Fair Trading has so far failed to persuade Lonrho to give undertakings that it will not increase its influence over the House of Fraser pending a Monopolies Commission inquiry Page 19

Hard news

Arthur Guinness, the brewers, want to sell alcoholic drinks through up to 620 high-street newsagents' shops, in the two chains they will control Page 3

Snub for IMF

Argentina has gone over the head of a five-man IMF team in Buenos Aires to deliver proposals for austerity measures directly to the fund's Washington headquarters, but the IMF is unlikely to be satisfied by the measures Page 19

Afghan attack

Islamabad (Reuter) – Soviet forces have launched a big offensive against Afghan guerrillas near the Iranian border, Western diplomats said yesterday. Increased rebel activity has also been reported in Kabul and the eastern provinces of Paktia and Nangarhar bordering Pakistan.

School strikes

Teachers will intensify strike action next week because a meeting with their employers over taking their pay claim to arbitration has been delayed Page 2

£75,000 for Treasury's new man

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister's office announced yesterday the appointment of a new head of the Government Accountancy Service, who is to be paid £75,000 – 45 per cent more than Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Anthony Wilson, a senior partner in Price Waterhouse, is to take up his new job on October 1. He said last night that he would be taking a significant pay cut.

His full title will be Head of the Government Accountancy Service and Accountancy Adviser to the Treasury, and he will report to Sir Peter Middleton, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, who is paid £49,440.

Mr Wilson, who is married with three grown-up children, said Sir Peter was not embarrassed by the difference in salary. Asked whether he was worth the money, he replied: "I happen to think so. I hope, after a time, that others will, too."

He succeeds Sir Kenneth Sharp, who was head of the accountancy service until last October on a salary of £37,500, half the rate for the expanded post. Mrs Thatcher draws £40,930. The Lord Chief Justice, at the pinnacle of public service pay, receives £61,800.

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Thatcher unmoved by peers' defiance

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government appeared determined yesterday to try to force its legislation paving the way to abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan councils through Parliament – despite the strength of opposition revealed at Mondays second reading debate in the Lords.

It was taking the line that its majority of 20, secured against an opposition move supported by seven Conservative peers, more than 40 crossbenchers and the bishops, was sufficient to justify not making any significant concessions to those who criticise the plans to run the councils through nominated authorities in the last 11 months of their lives.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher pointed out in the Commons that the Government's majority in the 237 to 217 vote was far higher than the last Labour administration won for many of its Bills, and she said she opposed prolonging the councils' lives beyond their elected term. She said it would be "constitutionally and totally wrong."

Lord Bellwin, the Minister for Local Government, who is in charge of the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill in the Lords, dismissed in a BBC radio interview suggestions that it was in danger. "Of course it will go through," he said.

But the opposition parties remained firm in the view that the Government would have to make concessions or face a confrontation with the Lords, predicting that it would be difficult for the Government to reproduce at the committee stage the sort of turnout it amassed on Monday.

It will be just as difficult, however, for the opposition parties themselves to collect as many votes again.

Leaders of the Alliance and Labour parties met yesterday to discuss their committee stage strategy but although they decided to cooperate to maximize the anti-government vote, they failed to reach agreement on their line of attack.

It is clear that the prospect of a bald amendment, cancelling the proposal to abolish next year's elections to the councils – which is certainly the wish of Mr Ken Livingstone – is causing misgivings among some senior peers, who believe that it is not part of the House's duty to insert "wrecking" amendments.

The parties are deferring a decision on tactics until tomorrow.

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Juan Carlos backs Argentina on Falklands

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

King Juan Carlos threw his weight behind demands for the decolonization of Gibraltar and the Falklands, telling the President Raúl Alfonsín of Argentina that both Spain and Argentina suffered the painful consequences of colonialism which affect the integrity of the homeland".

The King's remarks, published here yesterday, formed part of his toast at a formal dinner in the President's honour on Monday, the first day of his official visit to Spain.

The King also called on developed nations to come up with "innovative and bold formulas" to solve the problem of mounting foreign debts faced by Argentina and many other countries. Such formulas should respond not merely to the demands of justice, but to the need for survival, the King said.

He said the problem had overflowed the field of finance to become a political challenge for all states jointly. He added: "No country or group of countries can live and prosper indefinitely while the rest of humanity becomes ever more isolated."

In his reply to the toast, President Alfonsín did not discuss the territorial disputes with Britain. Instead he limited himself to drawing political and social parallels between Argentina and Spain, both of which only recently substituted dictatorship for democracy.



In Sympathy: King Juan Carlos and President Alfonsín

Nevertheless, the Falklands and Gibraltar were not forgotten. The Argentine Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, said after a meeting on Monday with the Spanish counterpart, Señor Fernando Morán, that a reference to the two terrorists would be included in a joint Madrid Declaration, to be published on Wednesday evening, at the end of Señor Alfonsín's official visit.

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Ministers refuse to rule out BNF sale

By Anhony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Department of Energy yesterday refused to rule out the eventual privatization of British Nuclear Fuels (BNF), the state-owned company which reprocesses nuclear waste at the controversial Sellafield site.

A spokesman for the department said: "No, it cannot be ruled out. Nothing is inviolate." He said that ministers had no plans to sell off any part of the company over the next year or two, but longer term action was a possibility.

The Government's 100 per cent holding of BNF's 32 million ordinary £1 shares is listed as one of Whitehall's "major shareholdings" in a brief on privatization and, although BNF is not specifically listed as a target for sale, the brief states: "Government will additionally continue to identify and propose other candidates".

Treasury Ministers have set a privatization target of £1,900m for this year, and a further £4,000m up to 1987, with a programme which includes privatizing 51 per cent of British Telecom, British Airways, Rolls Royce, substantial parts of British Steel, British Shipbuilders and British Leyland, transferring Enterprise Oil to the private sector and injecting substantial private capital into the National Bus Company and Royal Ordnance Factories and gas and electricity industries.

The government's residual share in British Petroleum has been valued at £2,794m and in Cable and Wireless at £376m last April. Further tranches of those shares will not be sold until the end of next year at the earliest.

Grieveson Grant, the stockbrokers, have estimated that BNF could be worth £250m, discounting the fact that "the very nature of nuclear fuel creates the disquieting possibility of exorbitant damages in the case of accident."

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has already said that in "appropriate cases" the mechanism of a special share, as in Amersham International would be used to safeguard the national interest.

The 1971 Atomic Energy Authority Act, which incorporated BNF, stipulated that the Government must retain a controlling interest in the company, but that legislation could be amended.

Mutinies peter out in India

By Our Foreign Staff

Thirteen Sikh mutineers were killed and 33 injured yesterday in the latest clash between what the Indian Government calls "deserters" and loyal troops in Agartala, in the north-east state of Tripura.

But the Government claims now to be generally in control of the situation, and is reported to have sent senior Sikh officers into the field to explain to troops why the army was forced into making its assault on the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar in Punjab, which provoked the sporadic rebellions across India.

The outbreaks affected light barracks town and possibly as many as 2,000 Sikh troops who seized arms and army vehicles and headed for Punjab. But by yesterday most of the mutinies had petered out.

The toll in the Amritsar attack is now believed to be more than 2,200, more than 200 of them soldiers. About 6,500 suspects have been arrested.

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Peter Pan film will benefit sick children

Steven Spielberg the American film director announced yesterday that he is to make a "totally live action" film of *Peter Pan* – a venture that could net a fortune for Britain's most famous children's hospital. The Great Ormond Street Hopital for Sick Children, London, owns the rights to the story of the wonder boy, left to it by writer J. M. Barrie. And if the planned film is as successful as Spielberg's box-office successes – *Jaws*, – *ET* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, the hospital stands to make "quite a reasonable sum". Contracts have not yet been

Steve Spielberg: Confirmed project

signed, but Mr Richard Crewdson the hospital's legal advisor said negotiations "have gone a long way down the line". Mr Spielberg, now in Britain for the premiere of his latest film *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, confirmed yesterday that the story of the boy who never grew up, is to be his next project.

"There has never been a live action picture, except a 1923 silent version", he said in an interview on BBC Radio One. "This is the first real motion picture version of *Peter Pan* and I am really excited about it." Filming would begin in London next summer and the movie should be released early in 1986, he said.

Mr Crewdson said that Barrie gave the rights to *Peter Pan* to the Great Ormond Street Hospital in 1929 and confirmed the gift in his will eight years later. He said he did not believe reports that the hospital stood to make "millions" from the film version of the book, but it could receive "quite a resonable sum"

BAe breaks off Thorn-EMI merger talks

British Aerospace moved nearer a takeover by the General Electric Company yesterday when it broke off talks for a rival merger with Thorn-EMI.

Thorn's proposals, which would have given British Aerospace 46 per cent of shares in a combined grouping, seems to have fallen foul of the setback to stock market prices in the four weeks since the talks started and City doubts about the value of share if the merger went through.

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Hereditary peers ensured victory for Government on abolition Bill

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The attendance for Monday's vote in the Lords on the legislation abolishing next year's election to the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils was the highest since October 28, 1971, when peers voted by 451 votes to 58 in favour of the principle of Britain joining the European Community.

The Government had a majority of 237 votes to 217 at the end of the second reading debate on amendment condemning the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill as a "dangerous precedent".

Seven Conservative peers voted with the opposition parties despite one of the most comprehensive adn persistent whipping exercises seen in the Lords for years.

The Government made no attempt to disguise the extent of that operation.

Lord Whitelaw, the Leader of the Lords; Lord Denham, the Government Whip; Lord Swinton, his deputy; and the four Lords and one Lady in Waiting, who act as junior whips Lord Long, Lord Caithness, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Lucas fo Chilworth and Lady Trumpington were busy from early last week cajoling peers from all over Britain to come to Westminster to defend the Government.

Lord Mountgarret spoke in the dabate of extreme pressure being brought to bear on a number of the Government's far distant and somewhat irregular supporters."

But it was clear yesterday that the Government had hereditary peers to thank for its majority. According to a survey conducted by Alliance sources, 15 of the peers who voted for the Government did not attend the House at all in the 1982-83 session and 11 attended only once. Of those, all but one were hereditary peers.

A detailed study of the division lists revealed that 178 hereditary peers voted for the Government and 53 for the opposition parties.

Seven Conservatives voted against their party. Lord Plummer of St Marylebone; Lord Alport; Lord Molson; Lord Teviot; Lord Blakenham; Lord Elibank and Lord Trevethin and Oaksey – many others abstained.

One factor that the vote so close was clearly the high number of cross-bench peers – more than 40 – who voted for the opposition amendment. Most cross-benchers have tended to back the Government in key votes on principle of legislation.

But of the 200 or so cross-benchers, only 22 backed the Government on Monday.

They were: Lord Ampthill; Lord Cassia; Lord Cameron of Balhousie; Lord Cornwallis; Lord Halsbury; Lord Harris of High Cross; Lady Hylton-Foster (chairman of the cross-benchers); Lord Layton; Lord McFadzean of Kelvinside; Lord Maclehose of Beoch; Lord Milne; Lord Napier and Ettrick; Lord Nathan; Lord Nugent of Guildford; Lord Perth; Lord Pritchard; Lord Rugby; Lord St Davids; Lord Shannon; Lord Spens; Lord Strathalmond and Lord Tryon.

The Liberals and Social Democrats encouraged most of their numbers to vote, 30 for the Liberals and 29 for the Social Democrats.



"... and WE won't climb down."

Jury's open verdict on crushed picket

From Craig Seton
Mansfield

An inquest yesterday failed to establish how a picket was so severely crushed that he was already dying when felled by a brick. It happened on a night of tension outside Ollerton colliery, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, in the early days of the miners' strike.

A jury in Mansfield returned an open verdict on Mr David Jones, aged 24, of South Kirby, Pontefract, South Yorkshire, a miner at Frickley colliery, who died on March 15 two hours after arriving at Ollerton.

The cause of death was given as ruptured blood vessels in his chest which had caused a huge accumulation of blood around his heart.

The jury had been told that although Mr Jones collapsed and was taken to hospital when he was hit by a brick, it could not have caused his death. The injuries which caused the severe internal bleeding had happened some time earlier but nobody knew how it had happened.

Mr John Langham, the Nottinghamshire coroner, was told that before the picketing began, Mr Jones drunk two points of beer in an Ollerton public house. He had called for a first aid box from behind the bar and had dressed the wounds of a man hit by a brick.

He then went outside where between 300 and 400 men were milling about in the dark. "It was a night of tension. The police were interested in holding the cordon, the miners were possibly interested in breaking it, and locals were shouting at the pickets", Mr Langham said.

Inquiries had disclosed that there were about 20 minutes of Mr Jones's movements unaccounted for between the time he left the public house and when he was hit by a brick and collapsed.

After the verdict Mr Jones's father, Mark, and his brother, Trevor, said: "We are satisfied it as far as it goes."

Delay over meeting will escalate NUT strike

By Richard Garner
Times Educational Supplement

Strike action by teachers will escalate next week because of a delay in fixing a negotiating meeting with their employers over discussions about taking their pay claim to arbitration.

Both sides in the dispute have agreed to meet a week on Friday, but only after the employers had rejected a suggestion from the biggest teachers' union, the 235,000-strong National Union of Teachers, that the meeting should be held either this Friday or next Monday – in time to call off strike action planned for next week.

Mr Douglas McAvouy, acting general secretary of the NUT, blamed the local education authorities for causing next week's disruption, adding: "They have caused further disruption of schools by strike action next week, and indeed this week, because firstly they made a statement about arbitration that was ambiguous, and secondly sought to delay a meeting with us."

Officers of the NUT will decide tonight on the level of next week's strike action, once they have studied ballot returns from schools in local authority areas where councillors have not declared they are in favour of arbitration.

However, Mr McAvoy gave warning that next week's action – which will take the form of a three-day strike beginning next Tuesday – was likely to be an escalation of the action which began yesterday, shutting hundreds of schools throughout the country.

"The results of the ballots are being collated now", he added

New for Girton

Dame Mary Warnock, Senior Research Fellow of St Hugh's College, Oxford has been elected Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge. She will take up her position on January 1, 1985.

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£700,000 stolen in security van raid

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

More than £700,000 was stolen from a Securicor van in Kent yesterday when an armed gang threatened a member of the crew as he went to use a lavatory after the vehicle had stopped in a lay-by. No one was injured in the robbery and no shots were fired.

Last night the crew of three was giving details to detectives. It was not clear whether the raiders had followed the van or were lying in wait for it on its regular route.

The robbery took place just before 1pm when the van, loaded with £720,000 in used notes collected from customers in the Medway towns, was heading for London on the A2. The blue van had stopped at the Cobham Park picnic area outside Rochester.

The crewman was attacked by five men some wearing comic masks, who were carrying weapons including a sawn-off shotgun and a handgun. The gang threatened him and made his colleagues open the van.

Nalgo steps up campaign against Bill

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

The largest town hall union last night looked set for a conflict with government legislation to abolish the Greater London Council and the six Metropolitan county councils through a call to its 800,000 members to ignore the abolition laws.

After the House of Lords vote in support of the government Bill to cancel next year's elections for the councils, delegates at the annual conference in Brighton of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo) called for a widening of the campaign fo opposition to the abolition plans through involvement of the TUC and other unions.

The conference rejected by a small majority an attempt to remove the need to hold a ballot of the members before they can be instructed to take sympathetic industrial action. Because of procedural confusion, the conference did not vote yesterday on the new strategy of opposition but that decision, which is a formality, will be taken today.

Delegates called for pressure to be brought on the TUC, and a national conference of unions, community groups and other interested parties to be organized te draw up fresh plans to oppose the Government's "rate capping" proposals.

Nalgo claims that the cooperation of its members will be necessary for the winding up of the councils and believes that it will be able to frustrate the Government's objectives.

When the new strategy is formally ratified today it will mean that Nalgo members taking industrial action against abolition will be officially backed by the union

Jopling heckled by angry farmers

From John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, Malvern

Dairy farmers carrying placards protesting at European Economic Community milk production quotas booed and shouted abuse at Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, when he arrived at the National Farmers' Union pavilion at the Three Counties Show yesterday.

As he left his at the gate of the show, in Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, a light aircraft flew overhead trailing a banner reading: "Blundering Jopling turns milkers sour." Minnutes later protesters invaded a press conference and afterwards followed him with their placards as he toured the show.

Many of the messages were openly political, such as "Vote Tory, go broke" and "Maggie's lost her bottle".

Mr George Wheeler, from Droitwich, who organized the demonstration, said: "There is going to be a big protest vote in the Euroelections on Thursday. There are a lot of us with millstones round our necks, especially young men who've been encouraged by the Government to expand and have invested in new technology.

Grants only covered 30 per cent and they have had to borrow the rest from the bank. How are they going to pay it back now?"

At his press conference Mr Jopling said that the council of Ministers in Brussels had done nothing over the years to control surpluses, in spite of the urgings of successive British Ministers, and had now been forced into emergency action.

But there were shouts of "liar" from farmers at the back of the room when he said that it was not correct that British farmers had been forced to cut back more than in any other EEC country

Guide to milk quotas

The Government yesterday published its proposed criteria for determining special cases among dairy farmers when the new production quotas are allocated.

A total of 2½ per cent of the agreed national quota for the United Kingdom has been set aside to provide flexibility in allowing extra production by farmers who can show that a quota based on their 1983 production less 9 per cent would be unfair.

Among them will be those whose production was affected by serious natural disaster; the accidental destruction of fodder stores or livestock buildings; cerain epizootic diseases, still to be defined; compulsory appropriation of land; occupational incapcity through illness; and theft or accidental loss of part of the herd.

Discretion will also be applied to those who have already committed themselves to significant capital investment in an expansion project which is still incomplete.

Boy, 5, died in shower punishment

A boy aged five died of hypothermia after being given a cold shower as punishment for bedwetting, an inquest jury at St Pancras Coroners' Court, London, was told yesterday.

Elliott Hinds was held screaming under a cold shower for 15 to 20 minutes by his mother's friend, Mr Tony Ankles, aged 24, the court heard. Moments later he collapsed in his bedroom and was taken to hospital by ambulance but was dead on arrival.

Det Insp George Peel, who interviewed Ankles and the boy's mother, Miss Gloria Robinson, aged 25, said both had watched a film on television where someone had been brainwashed. The cold shower treatment was the method.

"Both admitted to me they were annoyed by the bedwetting but they didn't know how to do anything about it" Insp Peel said. "Neither at any stage wished to kill the child. I quite believe that."

The Director of Public Prosecutions had ruled there was insufficient evidence to convict Mr Ankles of manslaughter, although he had been negligent, he added.

The jury returned a verdict of "misadventure".

Party successful in 'Morning Star' vote

By Rupert Morris

The Communist Party of Great Britain appeared yesterday to have turned the tide in its efforts to regain control of the *Morning Star*, the country's only Communist daily newspaper.

Results of elections to the 15-strong management committee of the People's Press Printing Society, the cooperative which owns the *Morning Star*, showed the party to have gained two seats; more significantly, the voting suggested that had it not been for the abandonment of a shareholders' meeting in Glasgow, the party would have won all five of the seats for which it had fielded candidates.

Top of the poll was Mr Ken Gill, general secretary of AUEW (Tass), the clerical section of the engineering workers' union. He and three others who were elected were recommended by the PPPS management committee, which has been pursuing a more fundamentalist, pro-Soviet political line than the British party executive.

Two other management committee candidates were defeated by Mr George Bolton, Vice-President of the Scottish miners, and Mr Chris Myant, a journalist on the *Morning Star*

Nearly 600 shareholders were prevented from voting by the closure of last week's Glasgow meeting after a procedural wrangle; had these members voted, it is likely that Mr Gill would have been the sole successful management committee candidate.

Smelly feet claim for divorce

A judge yesterday granted a divorce to a woman who complained that her husband lost money gambling, seldom took a bath and had smelly feet.

Mr Justice Ewbank, in the Family Division of the High Court granted Mrs Gillian Bartley, aged 39, a decree nisi on the grounds of her husbands Keith's unreasonable behaviour.

The couple who were married in 1964, have three children, and live at Middlemaid Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

The judge said that Mrs Bartley complained that her husband once went for four weeks without taking a bath. But he said her account was exaggerated and the her husbnd bathed twice a week

In April, 1982, the wife began an adulterous affar lasting six months and this was the primary cause of the marriage breakdown, the judge said.

Louise's grandmother released

Mrs Mary Brown, paternal grandmother of Louise Brown, the baby reported missing two weeks ago, was released early yesterday on police bail. She had been arrested on Monday.

Detectives are checking a report that a woman on holiday in Brighton saw a couple with a carrycot crossing a field near Shoreham on the afternoon that the baby was reported missing in London.

Two for trial on dog theft charge

A man and woman were yesterday committed for trial to Chelmsford Crown Court accused of demanding money with menaces from Mrs Jean Clayden, of The Vinery Stud, Kelvedon, Essex, on April 3.

Magistrates at Witham renewed bail for Mrs Marion West, aged 38, of St Margaret's, Stevenage, and David Pearce, aged 35, of Offley, Hitchin.

London's buildings 'not first class'

By Tony Samstag

London did not possess one first-class modern building, the public inquiry into the proposed Mansion House Square development in the City of London was told yesterday.

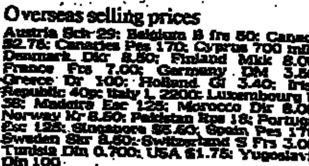
Mr James Stirling, the internationally renowned British architect who has been described as Britain's most sought-after architectural export, said the 21-storey glass and bronze office block designed by Mies van der Rohe and planned for the six-acre site, would at last enable the capital to take its place among such cities at New York.

The inquiry at Guildhall, now in its seventh week, was asked to consider the view that "the patrons of commercial office buildings in England do not seem to know what good modern architecture should look like; maybe they do not consider the visual aspect to be of paramount importance".

It was clear that Mr Peter Palumbo, the prospective developer who had commissioned the design, did, however, see aesthetics and design as "paramount in his criteria for the project".

In previous conversations with the architect, who died in 1969, Mr Stirling said he had asked him why he had not produced designs for a visionary concept of the twentieth century city, as was proposed by contemporaries, such as Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright.

"His reply was that he was interested only in "making the existing city beautiful"


Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.60; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

EEC urged to give leadership

Britain and her European partners could provide the world with the economic leadership it lacks if they stopped arguing about "ridiculous, parochial, third-rate matters" such as milk and butter quotas, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor said yesterday.

Speaking in Guildhall, London, only two days after Mrs Thatcher delivered the final declaration of the London summit meeting from the same building, he said: "The world lacks economic leadership. It remains unclear whether the heads of government at the summit understood the gravity of the world situation. The world's economy is in bad shape. Recession is too nice a word and it is not likely to improve quickly".


Helmut Schmidt with Mr Denis Healey, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, at Guildhall yesterday (photograph: Chris Harris)

Herr Schmidt traced the problems of Third World debt and recession back to the inflationary consequences of financing the Vietnam War, followed by two oil price explosions in the 1970s. The Third World had to borrow heavily to pay for its oil "and there were enough people in the US and Europe who were prepared to lend". But the lending had grown out of hand.

The world's trading system was in its gravest danger since 1945, but there was a lack of leadership and no coordination of policies among the industrial nations. Britain's renowned common sense could be used to give leadership to Europe and the world "if only you got over ridiculous problems like milk

Discredited scientist in hearing bid

By Our Crime Reporter

Dr Alan Clift, the discredited forensic scientist, is seeking ways of defending himself by giving evidence or being represented next month when the Court of Appeal begins examining 11 cases where doubt has been cast on his work as a former Home Office scientist.

Yesterday Dr Clift, who was compulsorily retired in 1981, said: "If they are going to review these cases because I have given evidence in them, and whatever reputation I have is further going to be sullied, it would be only common justice that I should be consulted".

Although the Home Office had examined cases going back to 1967, he had never been questioned about them or been able to defend his work, he said.

Doubts about the reliability of Dr Clift's evidence were raised after a review of the case of Mr John Preece, a lorry driver convicted of murdering a woman in 1973. In 1981 Mr Preece was released and received £70,000 in compensation.

Yesterday Dr Clift said he would be in court on July 17 when the first of the cases put before the Court of Appeal, which included three murders, was heard. He was also planning to take legal advice to see if he should be represented

Sale room

Sèvres sets p-rcelain auction record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A Sèvres porcelain ewer and basin became the most expensive items of European porcelain ever sold at auction when they fetched £126,500 at Sotheby's yesterday. The buyer was Winifred Williams, the London dealers.

Sotheby's had set no advance estimate, but had suggested the price might reach the £25,000 mark.

The Sèvres factory was under royal patronage and Madame de Pompadour, Louis XV's connoisseur mistress, took a special interest in it. The ewer and basin are decorated with the rarest of colour grounds, a sort of salmon pink known as "*rose pompadour*," with sprays of flowers set in white panels.

Until yesterday, French soft paste porcelains – the body is closer to glass then true porcelain – had been out of fashion. This ewer and basin were sold by the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Henry Spencer of Retford, in 1970 for only £2,000.

Sotheby's porcelain director, Mr David Battie, said yesterday: "Sèvres was due to come out of the closet after 50 years", and Mr Robert Williams, the buyer, said that "the best soft paste French porcelain has been undervalued for far too long."

Sotheby's had two good collections of French porcelain for sale and most – though not all – prices went well beyond expectations. Winifred Williams, which has long specialized in French porcelain, ught most of the important losts.

He spent £33,000 (estimate £18,000-£20,000) for another "rose pompadour" ewer and basin which had cost £3,200 at Sotheby's in 1966; £31,900 and £30,800 respectively for two small Vincennes watering cans

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Playful Prince William, latest royal public speaker





Prince William said his first words in public yesterday, and also showed that he is not only at home with cameras and microphones, but fascinated by them.

The Prince, who will be two years old tomorrow week, was playing in the walled garden at Kensington Palace. He kicked a ball and was pushed on a swing by his father, Prince Charles, watched by the Princess of Wales.

But it was his first public words which the microphones were waiting for. Predictably, "Daddy" was repeated several times, then "ball", "tractor" and "ant". His most conversational approach was "who's that?" and "what's that?"

Prince William, dressed in short blue dungarees over a striped T-shirt with dark blue sandals and white socks, repeatedly ran over to have a closer look at the photographers. "He's really interested in cameras", Prince Charles said.

An ITN cameraman obliged by letting Prince William look inside the eye-piece with his camera pointed at the rest of the pressmen. "There are people in there, oooh", Prince Charles said, as his son's eyes opened wide at this new toy.

"What's that?" Prince William asked, turning to a long microphone near by. "That's called a microphone. It's a big sausage that picks up everything you say —a and you are starting early", his father told him.

Guinness is looking for sales at newsagents

By William Kay
City Editor

Arthur Guinness, the company which brews the famous Irish stout of that name, would like to sell alcoholic drinks through up to 620 high-street newsagents' shops. The company already owns Lavells, a chain of 130 newsagents', and a few of these have off-licences. But Guinness is about to complete a £47m takeover of Martin the Newsagent, which has 490 outlets.

Mr Ernest Sauders, the chief executive of Guinness, said yesterday: "We want to sell a lot more consumer products through Martin and Lavells. Once we have got people in the stores to buy newspapers, tobacco or confectionery, we want to persuade them to buy other things."

Mr Saunders did not want to reveal detailed plans to his competitors, but he said he had thought of selling alcoholic drinks through Martins and Lavells. The difficuly is that this would require the permission of the licensing authorities in each area and some magistrates do not like the idea of alcohol being sold alongside sweets. Some of the newsagents' outlets may also be too close to existing sources of liquor, such as pubs, other off-licences or supermarkets.

Yesterday Guinness announced that its profits for the half-year to March 31 were £29.3m, compared with £24.3m for the same period last year. Turnover was £424.1m against £435.9m. Lord Iveagh, the chairman, said: "The acquisition of Martin is significant, principally because it welds our retailing interests into a major unit capable of good profit growth. As a board we believe that opportunities exist to apply our management and marketing techniques to specialist multiple retailing. Martin will spearhead a new drive by the company into this area."

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Lone parent wins legal right to work part-time only

A working mother has won a legal victory for the right to do her Civil Service job on a part-time basis because of her commitments as a single parent.

Despite protests from her employers, the Home Office, that the sex discrimination ruling won by executive officer Sara Holmes could send shock waves through British industry, it has been upheld by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Ms Holmes, aged 40, the mother of two young sons, successfully complained to an industrial tribunal that the Home Office's refusal to let her work part-time amounted to unlawful sex discrimination.

An appeal by the Home Office against the industrial tribunal ruling was rejected by the EAT.

Ms Holmes's victory was hailed by the Equal Opportunities Commission as an "historic judgment". An official said: "There are four million part-time workers in Britain, the majority of whom are women. They will now have the chance to seek better part-time jobs and have time and energy left for their families.

"The court ruling gives single parents an important victory in their fight to support their families by their own efforts."

Ms Holmes, of Crofters Mead, Courtwood Lane, Forestdale, Croydon, Surrey, works in the immigration and nationality department of the Home Office at Croydon.

She said yesterday: "It's super to have won", and added that she aimed to work a four-day week, with her pay reduced accordingly. She said she shared a house with a woman who had a child. "She helps with my sons where she can but I need to be there when they are sick."

The Home Office had urged the EAT to envisage the "shock to British industry and our national and local government administration" faced with a possible flood of claims by women working fulltime for the right to switch to part-time

But the EAT President, Mr Justice Waite, emphasized that the court was deciding one specific case involving Ms Holmes and the particular difficulties she had encountered in her Civil Service grade and her particular Home Office department.

The judge said it would be easy to imagine other instances, but strikingly different, where the result would not be the same and a departmental requirement that staff should work fulltime only could be justified.

The reason for the industrial tribunal's finding was that, despite changes in the role of women in modern society, raising children still tended to place a greater burden on them than it did on men.

The Home Office were given leave to challenge the EAT ruling in the Court of Appeal, and undertook to continue allowing Ms Holmes unpaid leave on Wednesdays

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Holiday village project to attract foreigners

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

A chain of holiday villages in Britain for tourists in their twenties from western Europe is being planned in a joint venture between Ladbroke Holidays and Intasun Travel, part of Intasun Leisure Group.

The first village accommodating 400, will open next year at a converted Ladbrokes holiday centre near Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Mr John Jarvis, chairman of Ladbroke Holidays, said: "This will add a new dimension to the UK holiday scene. Once the first is launched we are looking to continued expansion elsewhere in Britain."

He believes that foreign tourists will be lured to the village by the promise of a wide range of sporting, leisure and entertainment facilities on the lines of the Club 18-30 centres abroad which have made the Intersun company market leader in its field.

● The Late Traveller, an agency specializing in late holiday bargain bookings, is offering its service to independent travel agents.

Mr Howard Wilson, a joint managing director of the agency, said: "The independent travel agent has not been able to to rely on efficient notifications on late booking availability and so is being left out in the cold. This could help them

A new company, Late Data, will offer the service and it expects to recruit at best 500 of 4,000 independent travel agents. Lists of holidays available six weeks ahead will be updated twice daily on Prestel.

Bid to alter divorce Bill clause

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

An attempt will be made today to amend the controversial "conduct" clause in the Government's Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill when it comes before the Commons for report stage.

The clause, described by Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Solicitor General, as the "bugbear" of the Bill because of the amount of anxiety it has created, provides for courts to consider the conduct of divorcing sponses when determining maintenance, where it would be "inequitable to disregard it".

Opposition MPs, led by Mr John Morris, legal affairs spokesman, are pressing a an amendment, which has the backing of the Law Society and the Legal Action Group, to allow conduct to be taken into account if courts consider there are "such exceptional circumstances" to make it inequitable not to do so.

● Labour and Conservative MPs are backing a move by the Law Society to win advocacy rights for solicitors in family proceedings in higher courts. A new clause to the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill would give solicitors the same rights of audience as barristers in family proceedings.

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Bombing inquest adjourned

The inquest into the death of Mrs Barbara Harrold, the victim of a parcel bomb, was adjourned at Tonbridge, Kent, yesterday. Mrs Harrold was severely injured after opening the package at her home in Ightham, near Sevenoaks, on May 21. She died five days later.

Det Supt David Surridge, who is leading the hunt for her killer, said at the hearing that the attack was not linked to the business interests of Mrs Harrold's husband, Gordon, who runs an arms packaging company. He added that terrorism had also been ruled out.

Mr Alan Hennah, representing Mrs Harrold's estate, asked Mr Surridge if the bomb was designed to kill. He replied: "I couldn't say whether it was meant to kill but its size and make up indicate it was designed to cause maximum harm."

Police believe that the bomber fled to Spain.

Fast-repair car centres lead survey

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Motorists prefer to take their cars to specialist quick-fit centres for repairs rather than traditional garages because they get better workmanship, less time off the road and lower costs, according to a new survey of the motor trade.

But the survey organizer, Mr Harry Shepherd, a London-based marketing consultant, yesterday admitted that the survey is at present only sponsored by one specialist centre company. It was conducted by the Research Bureau Ltd.

The survey was based on a nationally representative sample of 300 motorists

It reported that in the past two years work undertaken by the centres, which specialize in tyres, exhausts, brakes, steering and suspension, had increased by 25 per cent; 66 per cent of motorists using them were satisfied compared with 55 per cent who used garages. It described as disturbing the finding that one in four of motorists who went to garages for repairs were dissatisfied

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Thatcher has no taste for beer and sandwiches

COAL DISPUTE

"Beer and sandwiches at No 10 – no, never!" Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declared in the Commons when she twice rejected Opposition demands to intervene in the miners' strike to get a satisfactory settlement.

She interpreted a request from Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, as being: "Get both sides along to No 10 Downing Street for beer and sandwiches and then say 'Give 'em the money Maggie'."

She added that the Government would not override any decision by the nationalized industries to invoke the civil law in relation to secondary picketing by members of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Mr Kinnock began the exchanges when he asked the Prime Minister: Does she still say on behalf of her government and party: "We are not going to intervene in the coal dispute?"

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. The phrase intervention is very, very well understood – (Labour laughter) – Mr Kinnock has been trying to persuade me to do it for a very long time: "Get both sides along to No 10 Downing Street for beer and sandwiches and then say 'Give 'em the money Maggie'." (Conservative laughter)

Mr Kinnock: Since the evidence of the Prime Minister's intervention for the mischievous purposes of deepening and embittering this dispute is now obvious and proved, and since the evidence of her deceit is also proved in the way she has continually claimed not to be involved, and is directly involved for all the wrong reasons, will she apologize for that deceit and use her power in such a way to encourage the negotiating parties to come to a speedy and mutually satisfactory result to this dispute?

Mrs Thatcher: He is asking me to intervene in a way I refuse to intervene.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP (Plymouth, Devonport): In view of her proven involvement in the British Railways Board pay offer, will she spare the House the humbug of pretending she is not involved in decisions as to whether British Rail should now invoke the civil law in relation to secondary picketing being undertaken by members of the NUR. What is her view with regard to that?

Mrs Thatcher: Should the nationalized industries wish to invoke the civil law, the Government would not override their decision.

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Mrs Thatcher: I expect the Secretary of State has seen a great deal more than I have because he is the sponsoring minister.

With regard to intervention, they are urging me to intervene by getting them to No 10. I have not and I will not do so.

I have repeatedly stated that this Government has provided £2m per day for investment in the coal mines, has seen to it that money is there for a very good deal for the mineworkers, seen to it that there are the best voluntary redundancy terms available, and seen to it that there are extra subsidies and extra prospects for manufactureres who want to turn over from oil to coal.

If that is intervntion, then yes, I have intervened. But as to beer and sandwiches at No 10 – no, never!

Unremitting efforts required to sustain world recovery

SUMMIT

Last week's economic summit in London had been a workmanlike and constructive meeting which achieved a large measure of agreement on the basic objectives of policies on both economic and political fronts, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, told the Commons in a statement.

Mrs Thatcher said that the declaration issued after the meeting pointed out that economic recovery could now be seen to be established in the summit countries. It was more soundly based than previous recoveries thanks to the firm policies designed to bring down inflation.

But to sustain recovery and spread its benefits further required unremitting efforts.

We agreed therefore (she went on) to continue and where necessary strengthen policies to reduce inflation and interest rates, to control monetary growth and reduce budget deficits.

Second: As unemployment in our countries remains high, we emphasized the need for sustained growth and the creation of new jobs, the need to ensure that industrial economies adapt and develop in response to demand and technological change, including in small and medium-sized businesses, and the need to encourage active job training policies and the efficient working of the labour market.

Third: On international debt the problems will be easier to resolve if world recovery is sustained and policies are followed which are conducive to lower interest rates.

We reaffirmed the case by case approach. We agreed that with the strategy we have adopted the problems are manageable. We identified a number of matters which require further attention.

Among them: That where debtor countries have successfully made efforts to adjust their economies, we will encourage longer-term rescheduling of their debts;

that we should like to see even closer co-operation between the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, whose role should be strengthened;

that developing countries should be encouraged to open their economies to increased direct investment from the industrialized countries and to substitute longer-term direct and portfolio investment for short-term bank lending.

Fourth: The summit urged all countries to reduce trade barriers and to liberalise and expand international trade in manufactures, commodities and services.

And fifth: We agreed on a new programme of research and cooperation, the better to establish and deal with the causes of environmental pollution.

To sum up, the summit expressed the clear view that the economic strategy we have been following is right and that we should continue to pursue it. We did not leave it at that.

We set out in the declaration a ten-point action programme for the next twelve months. This includes a series of specific measures for reducing obstacles to the creation of new jobs; and records our agreement to seek to maintain and wherever possible increase the flow of official aid to developing countries: particuarly the poorest, and to encourage more openness towards private investment flows.

The declaration as a whole sets out a global approach to the economic situation and deals comprehensively and positively with current needs and problems.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said: She referred to the recovery of the world economy. That is good news as far as it goes. When she said that the summit expressed the clear view that the economic strategy we have been following was right, could she tell us whether the reference was to United States' strategy or to hers, because they are opposite?

Where there are signs of life, they have come largely as a result of expansion of the United States economy, despite her lectures to the President. Capital is being pulled to the United States of America by the vigour of its economic revival. We shall only draw capital back to Britain and Europe, without an interest rate war, if and when our economy is stimulated into similar action and expenditure.

Will efforts to control monetary growth exclude the raising of interest rates? If that is the intention, how will a squeeze of the supply of credit bring stability and a reduction of the price of credit for industries and families in Britain?

The failure of the leaders of the strongest economies to take systematic and serious initiatives to cope with the current and growing debt crisis is an unforgivable evasion of the responsibilities which go with their immense power.

Mrs Thatcher's self-righteous approach to the poorest peoples of the third world is pervading evidence of her lack of concern for poorer people whether in this country or elsewhere. Why does she refuse to comprehend the fact that if others are denied the power to spend, our people will not get proper opportunities to work, to produce and to earn.

How does she have the gall to agree to a communiqué with a declaration on technological change, job training, the efficient work of labour markets, the flexible use of working time, development assistance and much else, after five years of reduced investment, cuts in training and in job centres, in overseas aid, and much else? This is massive insincerity, even by her standards, only matched by the vanity she displayed in this empty epic over the weekend.

Mrs Thatcher: The comments on recovery and expansion were the conclusions of seven heads of state and heads of government who together said "recovery can now be seen to be established in our countries. It is more soundly based than previous recoveries in that it results from the firm efforts made in the summit countries and elsewhere over recent years to reduce inflation".

All countries have made efforts to reduce inflation. I am sorry that Mr Kinnock is so critical of President Mitterand, the socialist Prime Minister of France.

We said in the communiqué that we shall pursue policies to keep down inflation and interest rates. They are only half what they were in the United States.

We set out a whole programme to deal with the debt crisis I am not surprised that he is on his own. He is out on a limb.

About the self-righteous approach, I am sorry that Mr Kinnock thought that the declaration of democratic values published by all the heads of government and heads of state was wrong, but we said that we are aware that economic strength places special moral responsibility on us. We think that; perhaps he does not.

We have been foremost in encouraging technological change. No government was stronger in educating children in this. We have a big computer programme and a job training programme for young people, and a programme for encouraging manufacture of new products by small businesses. The communiqué pointed out the importance of that in securing new jobs.

Mr Kinnock wants action out of step with that of all other countries.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: What effort did Mrs Thatcher make to get a common Community line against the high interest rates of the United States? These continue to stifle economic recovery both in the developed and the under-developed world.

When Mrs Thatcher talks about preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, how is that consistent with President Reagan's entry into the star wars concept of space?

Mrs Thatcher: We are all pursuing policies which will try to get high interest rates down. The United States has introduced reductions in public expenditure and increases in taxation which together will amount to $150bn to reduce their deficit.

With regard to the experiment that has taken place: it would be a rash person who concluded a whole future policy on the basis of one experiment. It takes an enormous length of time from the experimental stage to producing a weapon, and an enormous amount of testing.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C): The international debt crisis is largely concentrated on a small number of countries, particularly Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. There is a danger too many additional resources are being devoted to their problems rather than to the countries in the third world which are really the poorest and most in need of aid.

Mrs Thatcher agreed the poorest countries were not those with large debt difficulties.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab): There is little profit to be obtained by knocking the US about their budget deficit since it is very largely their budget deficit which has been responsible for recovery. It would be right to get a number of like-minded countries to coöperate in reducing interest rates even if it meant some increase in the money supply.

Mrs Thatcher: No one at the summit was attacking the US for its budget deficit because the US has said it is making a down payment to reduce this deficit. The phrase down payment implies there are other substantial instalments to come.

We are all of one mind to continue policies to reduce inflation and interest rates, to restrain public borrowing and restrain monetary growth. That was agreed by every head of government or state.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham, C): The problem of the international indebtedness of Latin American countries and to some extent the developing countries has not only

Hordern: Causes of indebtedness

been caused by the US budget deficit, but also because the exports of those countries have been hampered by restrictions on trade and by quotas. Is Mrs Thatcher satisfied the Gatt negotiations will be an adequate instrument to deal with those restrictions?

Mrs Thatcher: I agree the debt position is aggravated by any increase in interest rates. Countries such as Mexico and Brazil have made adjustments and now Mexico has just received multi-sheduling so it does not have to come back on a year-by-year basis for rescheduling of its interest payments.

If the debtor countries are to be able to get out of their indebtedness they must be able to trade their way out of debt problems.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab): The difficulties of developing countries which are caused by commercial banks cannot possibly be solved by either the piece-meal, case-by-case approach which she embraces nor by bland communiqués which she espouses. What is needed by developing nations is time and lower interest rates to enable them to repay.

Mrs Thatcher: I disagree. The way is to try to keep public expenditure and deficits down and that will help in keeping interest rates down.

Mr Peter Tapsell (Lindsey East, C): Although it certainly brings its own problems with it, if we do not want to see a drastic reduction in US expenditure on defence on which the security of the free world depends, and we do not want to see a sharp fall in the price of raw materials on which the living standards of the third world depend, and if we do not want to see the loss of the only large market in world in which Britain enjoys a large surplus in the balance of trade, we would be a little chary in joining the chorus of those who for their own and varied reasons seeks to blame the economic problems of the world on the fact that the US is running a budget deficit of about 5 per cent of its gross domestic product.

Mrs Thatcher: We did not in the communiqué blame most of the problems in the world on the US deficits. It is not mentioned in the communiqué. We pointed out that if one is to have a soundly based recovery one must keep down public expenditure and restrain monetary growth and deficits.

The Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill which abolishes next year's elections to the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan councils, was read a second time in the House of Lords on Monday night. A reasoned amendment moved by Lord Hooson (L) and supported by the Social Democratic Party, Labour, a number of independent and some Conservative peers, was rejected by 237 votes to 217 – Government majority 20.

New law to curb fare dodgers in London

TRANSPORT

Travelling by bus or underground in London without a ticket will become a civil offence so that there will be no need for intent to defraud to be proved, following the insertion of a new Government clause in the London Regional Transport Bill during the report stage in the House of Lords.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, the Government spokesman, moving the new clause, said the new system would be simpler to enforce and so reduce the amount of fare dodging suffered by London Transport.

In 1982 fare dodging had cost the transport authority £40m and although this had been reduced in 1983 by the introduction of lower fares and simpler ticketing arrangements, backed up by a campaign, the estimated loss was £25m. That represented a 5 per cent loss of revenue received, and added 6 per cent to the fares that would otherwise have to be paid.

Unless steps are taken to place a clear obligation on travellers to pay the proper fare for their journeys, with a proper penalty if they do not (he said) it would be impossible to achieve the savings we want to see with the new authority.

Travellers would be making a civil contract either to pay the fare or to pay the penalty fare which would be £5 or ten times the unpaid fare. The offender could pay the sum on the spot or within 21 days.

If the travellers chose not to pay London Regional transport could recover the penalty fare through action in the county court.

A person would not be liable to a penalty fare if he had no reasonable opportunity to obtain a ticket or a deferred fare authority at the time the journey commenced.

The Secretary of State, Mr Nicholas Ridley, has authorised me to give an undertaking (he said) that the measures will not be introduced on the underground until he is satisfied that proper equipment is in place to ensure that a reasonable opportunity exists for obtaining appropriate tickets or authority to travel.

Lord Underhill, for the Opposition, welcomed the new clause which he said was likely to reduce fraud

Lord Denning (Ind), former Master of the Rolls, said the new measure was an excellent improvement on the present system where there was legal argument over the need to prove intent to defraud.

The new clause was agreed to and the Report Stage concluded.

Starvation allegation denied

BENEFITS

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Social Security, vigorously denied during acrimonious question time exchanges in the Commons that he was waging a vindictive and illegal campaign against the miners. The Opposition had complained of a blatant and politically motivated fiddle of the social security system in an attempt to force the strikers back to work.

Dr Boyson told Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab), who began the exchanges, that he was satisfied that the DHSS could deal speedily with claims from those involved in industrial disputes and that the needs of strikers' dependants were being met to the full extent allowed under Acts and regulations.

Mr Pike: Is it not totally wrong that guidelines have been tightened up considerably against the miners? Is it not wrong to take into account gifts given by charitable organizations and other donations given to miners' families?

Dr Boyson: There has been no change in the regulations. All gifts of over £4 are taken into account in the case of anyone receiving supplementary benefit, not just strikers.

Mr James Couchman (Gillingham, C) said the NUM decision not to pay strike pay out of its enormous reserves was totally reprehensible.

Dr Boyson: The NUM knew exactly what the position was before the strike. It was in the 1979 Conservative manifesto and became part of the law in 1983. I read in *The Financial Times* that the reserves of the NUM exceed £27m.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) said a wife whose husband was a murderer and went to prision did not lose the £15 a week supplementary benefit. Some people appealing against withdrawal of the benefit had been waiting as long as 12 weeks for their appeal to be heard. It was all part of a deliberate Government policy to starve them back to work.

Dr Boyson: There is no deliberate policy. We have over 800 officers working on miners' benefits at present. There is a difference between strikers and people in prison. A prisoner cannot come out and go to work. We have to look after his wife because the husband is no longer in a position to do so.

The strikers could go back tomorrow, in which case they could look after their wives.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security: According to a secret Government document entitled *Guidance additional to that in the S Manual: Miners' Strike 1984*, loans from social works departments, weekly payments to miners' families for their children, cash payments from the NCB in lieu of concessionary coal, milk vouchers for children and one-off payments by local authorities for vouchers to miners' children are all for the first time being counted against supplementary benefit.

Miners' families are being robbed of this additional money they are entitled to. Is this not the most blatant and politically motivated fiddle of the social security system in order to try to force miners back to work and into submission?

When is the minister going to stop his vindictive campaign against the miners which is against the law?

Mr Boyson: It just happens that I have a copy of that document. (Laughter) He must share his secret with me. I believe it is in the Library. If not, it will certainly be there tomorrow. (Renewed laughter)

Supplementary benefit by definition is supplementary to other money coming in. It has always been held that if somebody receives £4 or more in kind, in payment or in some other way it should be counted against the benefit. There is no change by one iota in the law.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Debates on: smoking and health; reorganisation at the Ministry of Defence; working of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Hospital appointments

HEALTH SERVICE

The average cost of a broken outpatient appointment was between £20 and £50, Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said during Commons questions. He said, However, that if patients were to be encouraged to keep their appointments it was important to look carefully at how the clinics were run.

This is mainy a local responsibility (he said) but we are considering whether the department could usefully give further guidance on the organization of outpatient appointment systems and will be discussing this with the medical profession.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said the effect on waiting lists must be great, in addition to the cost. Any patient could telephone if he or she knew they could not keep an appointment.

Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C) said that in one Hampshire hospital 1,200 patients failed to keep their outpatient appointments in one month, March. This was not unique.

Mr Patten said it was important that clinics should be run efficiently and well and that prospective patients must recognize their moral responsibility to turn up on time for appointments and not to waste valuable National Health Service resources.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) said one reason for broken appointments was that the time between the making of an appointment and the appointment date itself was lengthening in many cases.

Mr Patten said his department was discussing with the West Midlands Regional Health Authority the possibility of a bed bank experiment in that area to examine these matters.

Tories will keep EEC veto

In the European elections the Conservatives committed to the retention of the national veto in the EEC, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, confirmed during Commons question.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North C) asked: Would she agree with the summary of the European election campaign that whereas the Labour Party – quite properly, for them – put Socialism first, and whereas the Liberals and the SDP put Europe first, the Conservative candidates are putting Britain first?

Would she agree that every single Conservative candidate is committed to the retention of the national veto, in favour of increasing free trade within the Community, and against a federal system for Europe

Mrs Thatcher: Broadly I agree with him. With regard to the veto our manifesto makes it absolutely clear we wish to retain it as it is.

Improving pensions for MPs

COMMONS

In future MPs aged 60 or more with 20 years' service who retire at a dissolution will be able to take their full accrued pension, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, said on moving in the Commons the second reading of the Parliamentary Pensions Bill.

This facility would be available to those who retired at the time of the 1983 general election, he said. It was a modest improvement but one which would be helpful in an area where hardship had been caused in the past.

The Bill proposed the removal of the restriction whereby MPs might only nominate a husband or wife to receive immediately the death benefit payable should they die in service. This had been referred to as a "mistresses' charter".

For those (he said) who view the world from El Vino's I would only point out that the provision could be used to benefit a child or a child's guardian. Its main purpose is to enable MPs to select whatever disposition best suits their circumstances.

A tolerably fair balance had been struck between the need to provide a scheme which catered for the uncertainties of parliamentary life and a proper concern for the public purse.

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs said he welcomed the clause which allowed an MP to nominate someone other than a husband or wife to receive a lump sum gratuity on death. Whatever they may think in El Vino's, there were circumstances in which an MP who was unmarried or widowed might well wish to bequeath that entitlement to another member of the family or to a friend?

There were cases of MPs serving 30 years or more but not yet reaching the age of 62 and therefore having the right only to a severely abated pension. Equally, there could be MPs who had reached 62 but had not completed 25 years service and would therefore not be entitled to pensions until they were 65. He was glad to see these conditions were now to be changed to 20 years service and 60 years of age, though there could still be anomalies.

Mr Gordon Oakes (Halton, Lab) quoted the case of a Conservative MP not reelected last summer, eight months short of his 62nd birthday and thus deprived of his pension until he was 65.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) said they should set up a system for parliamentary pensions which would stand the test of time and, having done that, resolve to leave the matter alone and think about things which were important to the people they represented.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L) said the Liberals welcomed the Bill, but it was still far from adequate. When assessing MPs' jobs, consideration should be given to their spouses who were bound to have reduced earnings because of their duties with family and constituents.

The Bill was read a second time.

Right to reply to media allegations

Mr Austin Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab) was given leave to bring in the Right of Reply Bill to give people the right to reply to allegations, misreporting or misrepresentations made about them by the press, radio or television.

He said the Bill would set up a media Ombudsman who would be able to provide prompt, public redress.

The press (he said) are mobilsing power without responsibility the prerogative of the harlot and the newspaper proprietor, quite often against defenceless individuals in an irresponsible fashion.

The right of reply meant that journalists, editors and proprietors would become more cautious and would think before writing.

If the Ombudsman decided a complaint was justified he would be responsible for deciding on redress, including a right of reply which had equal prominence or equal audience to the original imputation or misrepresentation.

Liverpool told to balance its budget

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, is due to meet Liverpool city councillors to discuss plans for the local authority to achieve a balanced budget, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions when urged the council to accept advice to set a rate by June 20.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby) asked: Now that Mr Jenkin has been to Liverpool and seen just a little of the housing problem facing the city council and has said it was quite correct for them to regard this as a priority, will she review the situation regarding the housing investment programme for Liverpool?

Will she consider restoring her name as the Iron Maiden by getting the guts to visit Liverpool to confirm the situation? Will she the next time she comes to Liverpool, come in broad daylight?

Mrs Thatcher: I seen to remember the last time I came to Liverpool it was in very broad daylight . . .

Mr Wareing: And everyone was asleep in bed. (Loud Conservative laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: I hope he is awake at the moment. A joint paper has been produced by officials of Liverpool city council and the Department of Environment on options for achieving a balanced city council budget for 1984-85. It has been presented to the council and Mr Jenkin he is due to meet councillors to discuss it.

In the meantime I understand that the auditor has written strongly advising the council to set a rate by 20 June. I hope they will do so.

Complacency mars volunteer work in race relations

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Voluntary organizations are trailing behind many statutory services in promoting racial harmony and looking after the interests of ethnic minorities, according to a report from the National Council for Vountary Organizations.

Despite the voluntary sector's reputation for pioneering approaches, NCVO says few national voluntary organizations are taking positive steps to help ethnic minorities and that a "general picture of complacency" emerges from a survey of 76 voluntary organizations.

Fewer than 10 per cent of those surveyed said they were in close touch with all potential ethnic minority clients and only half said they were taking special measures to encourage ethnic minorities to use their services more.

"It is unlikely that this proportion would be reflected in the national voluntary sector", the report says, "bearing in mind that response to the survey itself indicates some degree of motivation. Such results must give cause for concern and points to the need for key organizations to take more of a lead."

Most voluntary organizations which answered employed no specialist staff to work with ethnic minority groups.

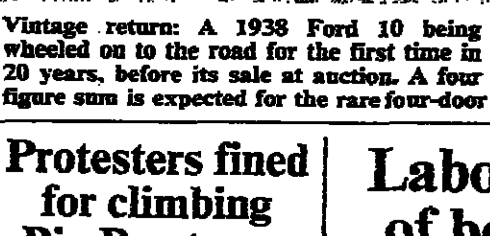
Organizations are criticized for relying too heavily on stereotypes when categorizing their clients. Lack of resources can deter some organizations from a positive approach. The report says, however, that possible cash and staff shortages are often used as an excuse to mask the low priority given to work with ethnic minorities.

Inquiry into death blaze

Detectives were carrying out a full investigation yesterday after a youth died in a fire at a shop and flat owned by an Asian family at Guildford, Surrey.

Ashishkumar Patel, aged 18, had been running the newsagent's shop and sub-post office for three months while his parents were setting up a new business in Eastleigh, Hampshire. He was alone

The shop is only 100 yards from a public house where a petrol bomb was thrown through a bar window just a month ago.



Vintage return: A 1938 Ford 10 being wheeled on to the road for the first time in 20 years, before its sale at auction. A four figure sum is expected for the rare four-door model which languished in a garage until the death of its owner, Mr Cyril Fisher, aged 69, of Halesowen, West Midlands. He never drove the car but kept it meticulously

Protesters fined for climbing Big Ben tower

Two Greenpeace protesters who climbed the tower of Big Ben and stayed there for 11 hours, were fined £20 each with £10 costs and bound over to keep the peace yesterday after pleading guilty to obstructing a policeman.

The prosecution said the two climbers, Ronald Taylor, aged 30, of Andover, Hampshire, and Renato Ruf, aged 26, from Zurich, arrived in a specially equipped bus, climbed to the top and hung from hammocks.

Labour council accused of being 'anti-royalist'

The Labour-controlled Derbyshire County Council was yesterday criticized for being "anti-royalist" after they decided to withdraw their support from the Queen's representative in the county, the Lord Lieutenant, Colonel Peter Hilton, of Alton Manor, Idridgehay, Derbyshire. The council claims that Colonel Hilton, who has the use at the county offices of "half a secretary", will save it £30,000 a year if he makes his own arrangements.

Councillor Walter Marshall, leader of the Tory minority group, said yesterday: "Three years ago the Labour group refused to accept any more invitations to royal garden parties, although councillors always paid their own expenses, and this is yet another step in their anti-royalist move. The council leader, David Bookbinder, has a well-known antipathy to the monarchy and we are furious over this latest political gaffe."

Farmers and the countryside: 3

Halting the tide of destruction

In the final article of a three-part series, JOHN YOUNG, Agriculture Correspondent, suggests that farmers may be forced to compromise with the increasingly powerful conservation lobby, and that their own political influence may be in decline.

Anyone despairing of an end to the more conspicuous lunacies that permeate the farming economy, and of a reconciliation between agriculture and conservation, could do a lot worse than talk to Mrs Angela Hughes.

Although she would not, for one moment, claim to have all the answers, her philosophy and style of farming indicate that all is not yet lost.

In spite of being descended from one of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, she had no background in farming. She trained as a political agent, and was active in conservation and in local government long before she met her farmer husband.

When he died in 1968, she found herself responsible for 400 acres of Dorset grassland and a herd of 200 Friesian cows. She did a crash course at a nearby agricultural college and, with the aid of four men, has been running the farm since.

But she has done much more than run it. She has made it a focus of national attention and the subject of an award-winning film, and has been made an OBE for her work in showing how farming can be integrated with wildlife conservation.

Her ideas about farming have their roots in a conference at Silsoe, in Bedfordshire, in 1969, which she was invited to attend as a former chairman of the education committee of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and member of the council of the British Trust for Ornithology.

Evidently impressed by what she heard, she decided to make her farm the subject of a conference in Weymouth the next year. It attracted an impressive array of speakers, and the conference report commented that "rarely can a block of over 300 acres of land have been subjected to such detailed and searching examination and inquiry".

A follow up conference was held in 1980, at which the speakers included the present chairman of the Countryside Commission, a former President of the National Farmers' Union, and the deputy director of the government's Agricultural Development and Advisory Service.

Mrs Hughes does not eschew the use of all chemicals and, like almost every other dairy farmer, she cuts some fields for silage. But she prefers organic methods; for instance all the slurry is collected in a tank and returned to the fields, and she is looking at ways of extracting the methane for use as a heating fuel.

Mrs Hughes may be atypical, but it seems increasingly clear that, if the tide of destruction is to be halted and reversed, farmers everywhere must start reappraising their methods.

It will not be easy. As mentioned earlier in this series, there are few alternatives open to grain and dairy farmers

Without radical changes, the pressure for planning controls will intensify. At farm level they would be hard to enforce, but it should be fairly easy to delineate suitable areas for conifer plantations.

An end to grants and tax concessions for conifer planting, and more financial incentives for hardwoods, would be widely welcomed.

The Government has promised to introduce statutory controls on the use of pesticides, which the agrochemical manufacturers have themselves welcomed. But, while they would undoubtedly like a ban on unlicensed imports, an overall drop in use would be somewhat less welcome to a rich and influential industry.

There are only 250,000 farmers in Britain but, as the Greens have shown in West Germany, the environmentalists could one day soon mount a serious political challenge.

It is not a prospect which finds favour in Downing Street.

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Kinnock calls on Thatcher to 'come clean' on plans for VAT on food

By David Cross

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, yesterday renewed his attack on Mrs Thatcher for failing to "come clean" on what he claimed were government plans to tax British food.

Taxation of food had already started with this year's Budget, Mr Kinnock told a Euro-election press conference in London. "The dyke was breached in a substantial way when 15 per cent VAT was imposed on takeaway food," he said.

All the evidence pointed to a further extension of VAT after tomorrow's European election. Mrs Thatcher had agreed in principle to increase Britain's contribution to the European Community's budget and the extra money would have to come from somewhere, Mr Kinnock said.

It was true that the extra money could come from more public expenditure cuts or higher VAT rates on items already covered by the tax, he added. But all the evidence pointed to an extension of VAT to food, construction, energy sources or children's clothing. Whatever the outcome, it was "very bad news for the British people".

Citing the Labour Party's evidence, Mr Robin Cook, the party's spokesman on Europe, said that the European Commission in Brussels was persisting with its campaign to harmonize VAT in the Community. Any harmonization would inevitably mean that Britain would have to follow the example of most EEC member states and introduce VAT on food and other items which were now zero rated.

In addition, Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State at the Treasury, had said that indirect taxes would have to be extended and clearly VAT would have to play its part in this process, Mr Cook said. Finally Conservative members of the European Parliament had consistently voted in favour of the harmonization of consumer taxes whenever the subject had come up in Strasbourg.

To illustrate the impact of a 15 per cent value added tax on various key items, Mr Cook juggled with pieces of cardboard on a board to show that the average food budget would go up by £4.50 a week.

Opening the press conference, Mr Kinnock said that the Labour Party had set the pace for the European elections with a "strong, serious and original" campaign. The Conservative performance had been "extraordinary", he said. Mrs Thatcher had hardly been seen on a campaign platform and Conservative candidates had received instructions not to appear on television. This had robbed Labour and other candidates of the chance to take part in public debates on the important issues at stake.



Mr Neil Kinnock with Labour European Parliament candidates, Mrs Christine Crawley (left) who is contesting Brimingham East, and Mrs Shirley Haines, who is standing for York (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Tory MEPs ruled from Downing St, Liberal says

By Our Political Staff

Mr Alan Beith, the Liberal Chief Whip in the Commons said yesterday that Conservative MEPs elected to the Strasbourg Parliament were subject to dictation by Mrs Thatcher in London.

"It is clear that anyone elected as a Conservative to the European Parliament will not be free to represent his constituents as he sees fit", Mr Beith told journalists at the Liberal/SDP Alliance press conference in London.

The evidence was provided quite openly by Sir Fred Catherwood, Conservative MEP for Cambridgeshire, when, as spokesman for the European Conservative group, he explained his reasons for declining to vote for a report and resolution on Northern Ireland.

Sir Fred had said: "If I were a free agent, I would vote for this report. However, I and my colleagues cannot get over the fact that we are here as members of the British governing party".

Mr Beith said it was clear that the Tory group had received one of those little letters from 10 Downing Street of the kind that were reproduced in the press a week ago.

"That sort of dictation from 10 Downing Street to Conservative MEPs is going to continue," he said, "So much for the responsibility of the elected MEP to constituents."

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said that foreign ministers from the Western European union countries were meeting to discuss strengthening European defence, at a time when the British Government was proposing to cut defence spending more savagely than any other Conservative government in postwar history.

"It is extraordinary how little concern has been expressed about the impending cutback," he said. "Next year, defence spending will increase by only 1.7 per cent over this year's total and in 1986-87 there will be a 0.5 per cent reduction."

This was a rejection of the 1978 Nato agreement to increase by 3 per cent a year, said Dr Owen. The cuckoo in the nest was the Trident programme. To meet its cost, other defences had to be cut.

Aggressive stance by Prime Minister

By Our Political Staff

Mrs Thatcher earlier in the campaign: "If we need Europe, equally Europe needs us. For no country has done more for Europe over the years than Britain".

Mrs Thatcher, outwardly calm and peaceful, injected a touch of aggressive patriotism into the Conservative Party's Euro election party political broadcast on television last night.

Before she appeared, a potted film history of developments in Europe since the end of the war, emphasized the efforts to create a new unity to replace the enmities of the past.

"Although we may never have thought of ourselves as European, twice this century we in Britain have given our lives and energies to saving "Europe", the commentator said.

Mrs Thatcher paid tribute to the support by European partners at the time of the Falklands invasion. "But if we need Europe, equally Europe needs us. For no country has done more for Europe over the years than Britain."

There had been problems, and they had to be sorted out. "Our contributions to Community funds, for instance", Mrs Thatcher added. "They have been our of all proportion to our national income.

"By fighting Britain's corner, this Conservative Government has already won back for Britain refunds of over £2,000m. and they've been paid. But these budget battles have had to be fought almost every year. That's no way to do things among friends. We must have a long term arrangement – a fair deal," she said.

"That's all we are asking for. It's reasonable, it makes sense, and I think our partners know it."

The party's main opponents did not even believe in the Community, she said. The other opponents (the Alliance) believed in Europe but were prepared to weaken Britain, for example by undermining its power of veto.

"Both our opponents are wrong," she said.

Constituency profile: London South Inner

Acrimony over candidate's Irish links

By David Cross

The photograph on Mr Richard Balfe's election poster portrays him in a neat suit, hands in pockets and exuding the kind of affable self confidence which comes from several years as a Labour member of the Greater London Council and five in Strasbourg as the member for London South Inner.

But it is not quite the image which his Conservative opponent, Mrs Doreen Miller, has been trying to get across to the electorate in the run-up to the European elections tomorrow.

She says: "It is a disgrace that a person like that is representing this area. This constituency has been represented by a guy who has no right to be there."

The source of Mrs Miller's ire is Mr Balfe's occasional contacts with Sinn Fein and Noraid, the Irish American organization which is known to have raised funds to help buy arms for the IRA.

As a Tory who has "become more and more concerned at the leftward drift of the socialist party", she regards her first election campaign as an ideal opportunity to get rid of people like Mr Balfe.

Mrs Miller, whose youthful looks and boundless energy belie her 50 years, is a self-made woman in the Thatcher mould. Married to a north London solicitor, she started her own mail order cosmetics firm 12 years ago after bringing up three sons. Her firm has branches in West Germany and Australia and a factory in Wales.

A committed European, she believes that her knowledge and experience in creating and managing new businesses would be invaluable in Strasbourg, and also for tackling unemployment in a constituency where the number of jobless has tripled during the past three years.

On paper at least, Mrs Miller needs only a 3 per cent swing against Labour to oust Mr Balfe. During the final stages of her campaign she and her party workers have been concentrating their efforts on getting potential Conservative voters to the polls in areas such as Dulwich, Norwood, Lewisham and Streatham where they are thickest on the ground.

Mr Balfe, who is drawing on the organizational skills he learnt in the Territorial Army to mastermind his second Euro-election campaign, has carefully avoided any personal attacks on Mrs Miller and his Alliance and Ecology opponents.

With an Irish background and most of his family still living in the republic, he has always taken a deep interest in trying to end the violence in the North, he says. He believes that "after 15 years of bloodshed, we won't find a solution without talking to all the sides"

Mr Balfe says that he is fighting a "very, very positive campaign" on the basis of his record in Strasbourg and Mrs Thatcher's record in Britain. More than half the EEC's social fund projects in London have to come to his constituency for schemes to retrain the young, the unemployed, women and the handicapped, he points out.

June 14 is "a golden opportunity to have a go at Mrs T," he tells a hesitant young black woman outside the Oval Underground station where he and his campaign workers have been handing out leaflets during the past week. "We're much more likely to help you than the other lot".

Mr Jim Daly, the SDP candidate and a former Labour colleague of Mr Balfe on the GLC, is almost as scathing as Mrs Miller about his Labour opponent's connexions with Sinn Fein. It is "grotesque" to seek to manipulate the Irish situation to his own advantage, he says in a reference to Mr Balfe's original agreement, later abandoned, to speak during the campaign on the same platform as a leading Sinn Fein activist.

A senior lecturer in business studies at North East London Polytechnic, Mr Daly has tried to ensure that his election addresses reach people's homes rather than join the "confetti" of other election material in the gutters of south London streets.

First Comecon summit for 15 years opens amid strict secrecy

From Richard Owen
Moscow

President Chernenko yesterday opened the first Comecon summit for 15 years in conditions of strict secrecy which contrasted with the glare of pubicity surrounding last week's Western summit in London.

Mr Chernenko gave an opening address but details were not reported in the Soviet media. Soviet officials said that details of the three-day talks would not be given until the final day. Yesterday the summit was chaired in the morning by President Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria, a loyal Kremlin ally, and in the afternoon by Mr Janos Kadar of Hungary, who favours liberal economic policies.

The last fully fledged Comecon summit was followed two years later by a Soviet block summit in Bucharest. But this is discounted by observers, since it was not held under the Comecon label and did not lay down policy on economic coordination and integrating.

Conflicts between Russia and its allies over integration have prevented Moscow from convening a Comecon summit to map out the next phase. Soviet officials say the moment is now "convenient" for a summit, although some member states – like Hungary – made it clear on the eve of the summit that they will develop internal reforms and close links with the West in the face of Soviet objections.

East European sources said yesterday that an agreed formula, including a political declaration, had been hammered out over the past year and would be adopted automatically.

There was surprise at the absence from the summit of President Castro of Cuba, who sent Señor Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, the vice-president, in his place. Sources said this reflected President Castro's view that the summit declaration would be a formality and not an expression of the real issues.

Yesterday's opening session observed a minute's silence in memory of Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Italian Communist leader, who had taken a firmly "Eurocommunist" line independent of Moscow. Mr Chernenko has sent a message of condolence to Signor Berlinguer's widow, describing his death as a "heavy loss".

The summit opening also coincided with the unveiling of a plaque in memory of President Andropov, at his Moscow residence.

COMECON PROFILE
Members: Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Vietnam, Cuba, Mongolia.
Founded: January 1949.
Full title: Council for Mutual Economic Assistance.
Last summit: 1971 in Bucharest.
Headquarters: Moscow.
It differs from the EEC in having no supranational institutions.

Militia bombardment leaves 83 dead and 213 wounded

Lebanon MPs endorse Karami rule

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

On a hot and mournful afternoon of fear and funerals, the Lebanese Parliament at last voted yesterday to instal Mr Rashid Karami's pro-Syrian Government in Beirut, ensuring that power will finally be redistributed between Muslims and Christians after nine years of civil war and more than 60,000 dead.

In a savage attempt to prevent the vote of confidence being taken, the militias of Beirut had killed 83 people and wounded another 213 in a bombardment that covered the entire city in the 24 hours before Parliament held its last sitting.

But those most opposed to the legislative reforms and those most likely to lose by them – the Christian militias – still have no truck with the Government's Syrian-sponsored authority, and it is a fact that many hundreds more, probably thousands, are going to die in Lebanon.

Even as Mr Karami was making an emotional appeal for unity "and God's mercy for those who have been killed", the boom of rocket-propelled grenades could be heard from the funeral cortèges of the dozens of civilians slaughtered in Monday's shelling, the militias providing their uniquely Lebanese obsequies to the grief in both parts of Beirut.

The streets lay empty, the shops closed, more out of fear of further bombardments than mourning, though only a few young men fired off their mortars from the port and the tennis courts behind the American University campus.

Fifty-three of the 71 parliamentary members who turned up to yesterday's debate voted in favour of the Karami Administration. Fifteen voted against, three abstained and 19 never bothered to put in an appearance to hear the Prime Minister announce, not untruthfully, that "our salvation is in our hands – there is no other alternative".

Parliament was then extended for a further two years – even though nine of its members have died in the past 14 years – while the Government was given power to "cancel or amend" all legislative decrees introduced by Mr Chafic Wazzan's former Cabinet.

Mr Karami cannot yet introduce reform legislation – this remains Parliament's job – but the vote of confidence effectively means that the substantial demands of the Muslim opposition for a lessening of Christian control over the Army and Civil Service will now have to be met, at least on paper.

Outside Parliament, less dignified rivalries were still going on a few blocks away. Sniper fire crackled from the ruined apartments to the west, as if the idea of legislative reform was a meaningless ritual rather than an historic step toward some kind of peace.

The last parliamentary sessions before the vote will certainly never be forgotten, for the bombardments that accompanied them were among the most indiscriminate in more than a year. Wounded lay bleeding across the corridors of the large hospitals on Monday night, at so fearful a rate were the maimed brought in.

The shells had landed in almost every civilian quarter. According to the Beirut daily *As Safir*, 85 per cent of the dead were killed in the Muslim western sector of the city.

Hurried search for an heir to Berlinguer

From John Earle
Rome

The Italian Communist Party's Central Committee is expected to meet after Sunday's European elections to discuss who should succeed Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the party secretary, who died on Monday after a brain haemorrhage.

The party has been caught off balance by his death. There is no deputy secretary or heir apparent, as there was when Signor Berlinguer succeeded Signor Luigi Longo.

For the time being the party is under a collegiate leadership who are busy organizing today's funeral.

Party officials believe that about two million people will converge on Rome for the funeral, making it the biggest gathering ever seen in the capital. Special trains and buses are being provided, and ships from Signor Berlinguer's island of Sardinia.

The mourners will be addressed by non-Communist speakers, including Mr Pieter Dankert, President of the European Parliament, and by Signor Marco Fumagalli, secretary of the Communist Youth Movement, and Signor Giancarlo Pajetta, of the party directorate.

Signor Pajetta is a veteran of the leadership but is not in the running for secretary. A stronger candidate is Signor Alessandro Natta, chairman of the party's control commission, who took Signor Berlinguer's place in the party's television broadcast for the European election campaign.

Signor Natta, aged 66, is a teacher and essentially a party man. He would have the advantage, in the view of one Communist deputy, of ensuring continuity with the Berlinguer line and party unity.

Other names mentioned include Signor Renato Zangheri who made a reputation as Mayor of Bologna, Signor Alfredo Reichlin, responsible for the economic department, and Signor Giorgio Napolitano, floor leader in the chamber of deputies. All are aged 59, and the preference may be for a younger man.

The new leadership will have to think about where the party is headed. It is, in a popular phrase, "in the middle of the ford": the shore of Moscow is well behind, but the shore of democratic participation in government is not yet in sight.



Winning captain: Herr Hans-Edwin Reith, of the West German sailing vessel Carola, with crew member Herr Hubertus Tummescheiting. The Carola won the Tall Ships race from Bermuda to Halifax

Peking tells of border raid from Vietnam

Peking (Reuter) – China said last night that its frontier guards had beaten back six incursions by Vietnamese forces into Yunnan province, with the intruders suffering heavy casualties.

The incidents occurred in the Laoshan and Balihe Dongshan areas of Malipo county in eastern Yunnan, scene of frequent violent border clashes in recent months. The New China News Agency said Vietnamese shelling began early on Monday and was followed by two attacks on the Chinese front line in company and platoon strength.

Train crushes Chinese troops

Peking (AP) – Three Chinese soldiers being photographed against the backdrop of an onrushing train were run over and killed when they ignored the train's siren.

The newspaper, *China Law*, carried the photograph on its front page, showing three People's Liveration Army men standing on the tracks, their arms linked, less than a second before the train hit them.

Arab walkout

Geneva – Arab delegates walked out of the 150-nation International Labour Conference when President Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica mounted the rostrum. The protest was against the transfer of the Costa Rican Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Seven executed

Abidjan (AFP) – Seven people were executed early yesterday in Upper Volta after being convicted of plotting to overthrow the Government, Ouagadougou radio said in a report monitored here.

Rough justice

Khartum (AFP) Two thieves had their right hands and left legs cut off in public here yesterday as Sudanese courts continned the strict application of Islamic *Sharia* law imposed last September.

Musician held

The Leningrad Christian rock musician Valeri Barinov, has been under forced psychiatric confinement in the city for the past three weeks, according to Keston College, the Kent-based institute which studies religion in Eastern Europe.

Hongkong talks

Peking (AFP) – The sixteenth round of Sino-British talks on the future of Hongkong opened here yesterday.

Botha criticized

Rome (AP) – Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, yesterday told his South African counterpart Mr P W Botha, that the policy of racial segregation was unacceptable and political prisoners should be released.

Vanishing tiger

Jakarta (Reuter) – The Royal Bali Tiger has died out on the Indonesian island although a few may still exist in East Java. The official Antara news agency yesterday said. Two were shot dead by hunters last year and none had been seen since despite an extensive search by zoologists.

Fans still held

Brussels – A Belgian prosecutor has blocked the release of three Tottenham football supporters detained after the UEFA Cup final against Anderlecht on May 9. Two Britons and an Irishman will remain in prison, pending another hearing in a fortnight.

Suicides up

Tokyo (AP) – Record numbers of Japanese killed themselves or divorced in 1983, according to Welfare Ministry statistics released yesterday. The 24,970 suicides marked a 20.8 per cent increase over 1982 and 179,160 couples – 15,180 more than in 1982 – were divorced.

Gaddafi's terror threat to US

Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has claimed that his country could export terrorism to the heart of America (Reuter reports).

In a broadcast speech at Miaitiqah Air Base – the former US Air Base – he referred to foreign press reports which he said reflected US involvement in a plot to carry out sabotage and assassination in Libya.

"We are capable of exporting terrorism to the heart of America. We are also capable of physical liquidation and destruction and arson inside America. If we have to export terrorism we shall export terrorism to it," Colonel Gadaffi declared.

His speech, monitored by the BBC, marked the fourteenth anniversary of the closure of US bases in Libya.

He said the United States must have been involved in anti-Libyan plotting because conditions inside the country gave no cause for opposition.

Libya has alleged that members of an armed group captured by security forces in Tripoli last month confessed they were recruited by the CIA for large-scale sabotage in Libya. It has also declared that it will form suicide squads to kill Colonel Gadaffi's opponents abroad.

West Bank is top issue for Shamir

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the hawkish Israeli Prime Minister now fighting to see his right-wing Likud coalition returned for a third term, has pledged to attempt to make the future of the occupied West Bank the central issue in the campaign for next month's general election.

Launching the campaign at a rally on Monday night, Mr Shamir said his Government would be emphasizing the dangers it seems in the main opposition Labour Party's plan for territorial compromise with Jordan. "We shall tell every voter that it is in his hands to decide the fate of the land of Israel," he said.

The absent figure of Mr Menachem Begin, Mr Shamir's predecessor and the giant of modern Israeli politics, was constantly introduced into the proceedings by the rhythmic chants of his name which echoed through the large convention hall packed to capacity.

Likud leaders said later they still did not know whether the former Prime Minister would agree to make an election broadcast.

The other name to fill the air was that of Mr Arial "Arik" Sharon, the former Defence Minister who was hailed with loud cries of "Arik, Arik" at almost every mention of a defence issue. He sat impassively throughout and did not speak.

One speaker, Mr Elizer Shostak, the Health Minister, refused to adopt a defensive attitude towards Israeli inflation, which is now above 400 per cent, and seen as one of the main reasons why Labour has an early lead in the opinion polls for the July 23 ballot.

"After I die, if somebody in the heavens asks me why Israel got into such debt, I shall lift my head proudly and say, 'It's true. We got into debt – for the Army, for settlements, for mortgages'" he said in a statement which has quickly become a campaign talking point. "Without this blessed inflation, Israel could not have marched forward."

Before the rally, both Likud and Labour signed an unprecedented "clean election" pact designed to eliminate the violence and vitriolic abuse which marred the last campaign in 1981. But Israeli commentators expressed deep scepticism that it would be implemented.

The *Jeruselem Post* said: "The prospects are that this will become simply a statement of intent to be blasted away by the heat of the campaign."

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Smiles and stripes: Traditional costume for the Swiss Guards

Low-key welcome for Pope

Zurich (Reuter) – The Pope, beginning the first pastoral visit to Switzerland by a head of the Roman Catholic Church since 1418, called yesterday for greater unity between the divided Catholic and Protestant faiths.

He began his six-day visit in Zurich, which helped lead the Reformation breakaway from Rome four centuries ago, and said the unhappy divisions and polarizations separating Christians were painful.

The Pope said he prayed that meetings he plans with Protestant and Orthodox churchmen here would "deepen our mutual understanding and strengthen our common witness of faith".

Journalists who had accompanied the Pope on other foreign tours described the welcome in Zurich, where the reformer Huldrych Zwingli defied the authority of Rome in 1532, as polite but low-key.

After kissing the ground at Zurich airport, where he was greeted by President Leon Schlumpf, the Pope flew to the Italian-speaking city of Lugano, south of the Alps, to celebrate Mass before 25,000 people in a sports stadium.

The atmosphere warmed in Catholic Lugano, close to the Italian frontier. Thousands of people lined the route from the airstrip to watch the Pope drive past in his armoured "popemobile".

"Each of the churches in your homeland, while living their own lives, also live the life of the whole church, of the church that is one throughout the world, a holy, Catholic and apostolic church", he said in a sermon delivered in brilliant sunshine.

Iraq gets Brazilian rocket launcher

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

Batteries of Brazil's Astro 2 rocket launcher, capable of raining 64 rockets at once up to 43 miles, are on their way to Iraq.

Brazil expects to earn £640m from exports of arms this year, compared with £430m in 1983, and Iraq is one of the best customers. Rockets, light armoured cars, ammunition and field equipment worth £215m, will be delivered there this year.

The Astro 2, developed partly with Iraqi funds, costs between £7m and £14m, depending on range and firepower. Each battery consists of several rocket-firing vehicles, and a computer control system, and can send 2.4 tons of high explosive accurately to a target.

Brazil sells arms to between 30 and 40 countries. At the beginning of this year the Army advised manufacturers not to sell any more to Iraq – and the Foreign Ministry is adamant that no arms are now sold to what was once a major market – Brazil still sends large quantities of arms to Libya, and some are understood to be forwarded from there.

Ninety-five per cent of the arms Brazil makes – and it claims to be the world's fifth largest arms manufacturer – are exported, and Brazil imports only a quarter of the arms it needs.

Europe defence group revived

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The seven Foreign Ministers of the Western European Union agreed in Paris yesterday to "reactivate" the comatose 30-year-old organization with a view to strengthening European defence cooperation.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, made it clear after yesterday's meeting that Britain had decided to abandon its previous sceptical, not to say negative, attitude towards the WEU.

A certain cautious reticence was still perceptible in Sir Geoffrey's carefully-worded comment that yesterday's discussions "can be regarded as a positive but deliberative beginning to a reconsideration and reappraisal of the reactivation of the WEU".

The object of the seven – Britain, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg, all members of Nato – was to strengthen the European pillar of Nato, Sir Geoffrey said.

A stronger Europe was a good thing in itself for the transatlantic partnership, he said in an indirect answer to those who fear that stronger European defence cooperation could undermine that partnership.

A report by a WEU working party, unanimously approved yesterday by the senior Foreign Ministers, emphasizes that efforts to reactivate the union should be seen as a contribution to the cohesiveness of the Atlantic alliance and not as an attempt to find a substitute

Sir Geoffrey said the WEU was the only European organization with the competence to discuss defence and security matters, he said. It was also able to provide a forum at ministerial level for discussion of questions dealing with issues outside the Nato area

The WEU also offered a possible alternative forum for discussion about arms procurement, although it was no secret that Britain wished to continue to strengthen the performance of the Independent European Planning Group (IEPG) of Nato.

Yesterday's discussions had been open-minded, constructive, pragmatic and marked by broad agreement around the table, he said.

Democrats fear backlash on immigration Bill

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

After two years of acrimonious wrangling, procedural delays and charges of racism, the House of Representatives has finally voted to begin a debate on a comprehensive immigration Bill.

Although the Democrat-controlled House voted by an unexpectedly large margin of 291-111 to go ahead with the debate, many Democrats fear the issue could rebound against them in the forthcoming election campaign, particularly in areas where there are large numbers of Hispanic voters.

The Bill, known as the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill, is primarily intended to control the huge increase that has taken place in illegal immigration from Central America and the Caribbean in recent years.

Last year US border guards seized two million illegal aliens. Millions more managed to slip past them and either took up temporary jobs or joined others who have settled permanently, albeit illegally, in the United States.

The Bill, arising from recommendations by a select commission on immigration appointed by President Carter in 1978, has two main features. It would grant an amnesty to the millions of illegal immigrants who have lived in the United States since January 1, 1982, and allow them to apply for permanent resident status. But it would impose fines on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants in the future.

The Bill was passed 76 to 18 by the Senate in August, 1982. It has been bitterly opposed by Hispanic organizations and by Hispanic members of Congress, who fear it would cause employers to discriminate against all Hispanics.

Washington rejects offer of 'star wars' talks

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The United States believes the Soviet Union is insincere in its call for negotiations "without delay" on a pact to ban the use of anti-satellite weapons.

Senior Administration officials said they were convinced that President Chernenko had no intention of abandoning Russia's advantage in anti-satellite weapons. The official White House response was that it would study Russia's offer.

The real response, however, was demonstrated graphically in a small, locked room in the Senate yesterday. Inside, Congressmen were given a closed-session look at nightly classified photographs of two Soviet facilities that could supposedly attack US satellites with laser beams and missiles.

Intelligence officers claimed that the Russians had recently interfered with US satellite operations, such as jamming US electronic-intelligence satellites by overloading them with radar beams from ground sites. Additionally, they said a US photo-satellite was blinded with a laser beam.

Americans biggest objection to the Soviet offer is the inadequacy of verification procedures.

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Pastora gives Managua an ultimatum

Caracas (Reuter) – The wounded Nicaraguan rebel leader Señor Eden Pastora said yesterday he would return to battle unless the left-wing Sandinist Government in Managua gives democratic guarantees.

"If there is a plan to permit democratic opposition I will stop making war. But if not, there is no alternative but to go back to the mountains."

Señor Pastora, military chief of the Revolutionary Democratic Aliance (Arde), was deported to Venezuela from Costa Rica after he received burns and a leg wound

Philharmonic's director sent on indefinite leave

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn

Herr Eberhard Diepgen, the Mayor of West Berlin, told a press conference yesterday that Dr Peter Girth, the controversial director of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, is to be sent on immediate indefinite leave; and will not return before his contract expires next year.

The move was one of the main demands of the Orchestra in its bitter quarrel with Herr Herbert von Karajan, aged 76, the Philharmonic's conductor for life, who until now had expressed his confidence in Dr Girth.

Yugoslav party told to confront its critics

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The Yugoslav Communist leadership yesterday denied that there was a conflict between the Communist Party and the intelligentsia, or indeed that the party was set on curbing freedom of expression. But, at the same time, the leadership called upon Communist to be more united and determined in the faace of growing political and ideoliogical opposition.

Mr Ali Sufrija, an Albanian from the Kosovo region who, under the revolving system, will for the next 12 months chair the party Praesidium, told the Central Committee that representatives from each of six constituent republics paid lip service to programmes but failed to implement them.

Mr Sukrija, in calling for greater unity, said that alleged anti-communists and opponents of all kinds had been misusing "genuine democratic freedoms".

His remarks were in answer to the current flurry of petitions for respect of human rights and, more recently, to protests over the arrests of dissidents in Belgrade.

Until recently the political climate in Belgrade had been more relaxed than elsewhere, and Serbian politicians were taking a more tolerant attitude to criticism and dissent. This clearly met with opposition in other parts of the country.

● BELGRADE: Three Yugoslav dissidents who have been on hunger strike in prison for almost three weeks were yesterday said by their families to be in very poor health (Reuter reports).

Sikh mutinies in Army die away but toll in Amritsar tops 1,200

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The Indian authorities breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as the spate of Sikh "mutinies" in the Army appeared to come to an end. There had been outbreaks of trouble which affected up to 2,000 young soldiers in eight barrack towns across the country, but by last evening all were under control, according to a government spokesman.

Unofficial sources estimated that as many as 46 mutineers or civilian extremists accompanying them had been killed as road blocks were thrown across the paths the deserting soldiers were taking to Punjab.

The first mutiny took place in Ganganagar in Rajasthan and was heavily denied by the Government which maintained to the last that those involved were terrorists in stolen uniforms. However, local correspondents report that the deserters were men of the 8th Sikh Regiment and two soldiers were killed as they were intercepted on the border with Punjab. According to army sources in Ganganagar, 300 men were involved. They were intercepted by men of the Rajput Rifles, actually inside Punjab.

In Pune, according to Major-General Depinder Singh, Chief of Staff of Southern Command, the young Sikh soldiers were inflamed by civilian agitators who told them their womenfolk were being raped, their families harassed and their holy temple defiled in Punjab. They seized lorries and drove off towards Bombay, hoping to hijack a plane to Amritsar.

Six of the lorries were stopped at Mumbra in Thane, and two people, one on each side, died in the exchange of fire that followed. Three other lorry loads sped into Gujerat, where they were eventually stopped yesterday in Surat. Thirteen deserters were killed there.

A more serious revolt took place at the Sikh regimental Centre at Ramgarh, near Ranchi in Bihar. Eleven people were killed before a group of these deserters – who had earlier killed their own commander, Brigadier S. C. Puri, a Hindu – were recaptured. The dead included a police sub-inspector in charge of the police party which waylaid them in Nowgong in the Chaatapur district of Madhya Pradesh.

Soldiers at Bajbassa, just outside Dharmanagar in Northern Tripura state, were reported to have opened fire after listening to "a foreign radio broadcast". The senior police official in the area said there had been no casualties, but the mutineers had left the camp they were in.

There was "minor trouble" in Alvar in Rajasthan, when soldiers stole two lorries and headed towards Punjab. At least one deserter was said to have been killed before the desertion was stopped.

There was also a minor outbreak in Jammu and Kashmir at Ranbirsinghpur, and across the country at Siliguri in the north of West Bengal. There the deserters were persuaded back into barracks without any firing. Another mini-revolt was thwarted in Calcutta when trouble broke out in a Sikh regiment in Fort William. Twelve arrests were made but a handful of other deserters ran off, including one wounded. He was denied entry to a local Sikh temple.

Meanwhile, the death toll in Punjab itself continues to rise. According to reporters in the troubled state who have spoken to unofficial police and army sources, the number killed in the Golden Temple has reached 1,000, plus 220 members of the security forces. According to one report the dead include 115 women and children.

The reporter spoke to doctors at a local hospital who conducted perfunctory post mortems on about 400 bodies. He said that of the 400, 100 were women and between 15 to 20 were children under five. One was a two-month old baby. The doctors said that when one extremist in the pile of bodies was found to be alive a soldier shot and killed him.

More than 6,500 suspects have been rounded up since last Monday, 1,200 of whom are kept in the compound of the central school. Twenty-seven prisoners were killed when they made two separate escape attempts.

Big role for Sikhs in the forces

The Indian Ministry of Defence declines to disclose any breakdown of its forces by ethnic origin or religion but the best estimates are that from 9.5 per cent to 12 per cent of the 1.1 million strong armed forces are Sikhs. There are Sikh-only regiments but the ministry declines to say how many. Punjab regiments are 50 per cent Sikh.

The Sikhs are heavily over-represented in all forces. Sikhs represent only 2 per cent of the Indian population of 700 million. In Punjab they make up 52 per cent of the population, which totals 17 million.

Foreign press irritates Delhi

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi

At a press briefing on the Punjab crisis, Mr M. M. K. Wali, the Indian Home Secretary and senior civil servant in the Home Ministry, complained btitterly about coverage in the foreign press which described the Indian troops as having "stormed" the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

"If the temple had been stormed", he said, "our casualties would not have been as high as they were".

Not wishing to get into a semantical argument, most of the foreign correspondents there let him have his say, and went out and continued to describe the event as a "storming". But the complaint shows that the Government is particularly sensitive to what appears

It is even more sensitive to what appears on the BBC's World Service programmes, since India's own radio and television service is slavishly servile to the Government.

Newspapers here have quoted commentaries both on the BBC and in the British press with approval, but a report of the London correspondent of the Press Trust of India (PTI) said that "most of the reports from India as well as London have been factual, but a total lack of understanding of the problem and sensationalism were apparent in some of the comment".

The report quoted leading articles from the *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *Daily Telegraph* and *The Times*, without identifying which it took exception to.

Proud mother: Princess Caroline of Monaco, leaving hospital with her new son, accompanied by her father, Prince Rainier

Marcos has open mind on deal for accused priests

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Marcos said yesterday he is still "open to suggestions" on how to resolve the controversial multiple murder case against two foreign priests who last week rejected a conditional presidential pardon.

Mr Marcos said he was reluctant to discuss the case while the trial was under way in the central Philippines island of Negros.

"I would suggest that if there are any more initiatives they be taken up with the Minister of Justice so that he can act on them and recommend to me what should be done. I'm open to suggestions, Mr Marcos told reporters at the presidential palace.

The offer of a presidential pardon, issued on the condition that Father Niall O'Brien from Ireland and Father Brian Gore from Australia leave the Philippines, was rejected on Friday during a 45-minute meeting between defence and prosecution lawyers.

"A pardon implies guilt," Mr Juan Hagad the defendant's lawyer, said after the meeting. He is demanding instead an outright dismissal of the case against the two Columban missionaries who have served in the Philippines for more than 15 years.

The priests and six lay leaders have pleaded not guilty to the murder two years ago of a town mayor and four other men. They were arrested 13 months ago and their trial began in February.

President Marcos recalled that in talks one year ago with Cardinal Jaime Sin and Archbishop Antonio Fortich of Negros he offered to discontinue prosecution of the case if the church leaders persuaded the priests to leave the country.

The offer last week of a conditional pardon was made after Cardinal Sin and Bishop Fortich said "they could not implement their part of the bargain," according to Mr Marcos.

Slowdown in world population

By Patricia Clough

Rapid population growth combined with economic recession are causing developing countries to over-exploit land for food and fuel, according to a United Nations report published today. The result is a deteriorating human and natural environment.

The State of the World Population, 1984, confirms that the population growth is slowing down. Deaths are expected to balance births by the year 2100, stabilizing at about 10.2 billion people – two and a quarter times the pesent 4.76 billion.

However, the populations of many developing countries are still rising steeply, undermining economic progress, reducing incomes and diminishing the quality of life for millions, according to the report's author, Mr Rafael Salas, head of the UN Fund for Population Activities.

Between 1980 and 1982, the economies of developing countries grew by only 1.9 per cent a year, mainly because of the economic crisis and cuts in international aid. At the same time, their populations increased by 2.02 per cent.

At that rate, it would take 70 to 90 years for the poorest countries to double their per capita income while within 35 years or less, their populations will have doubled.

Nevertheless, efforts to curb the growth are clearly working. The average number of children per woman worldwide has declined from 4.5 in the period 1970-74 to 3.6 since 1980.

The decline in developing countries has been smaller, however – from 5.5 to 4.1 – much of it accounted for by birth-control programmes in China and other countries which have cut fertility rates by about 20 per cent.

In Africa, where the average is 6.43 children, the rate has not fallen, and in some countries it has actually risen.

Australia revives referendum

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

The Australian Government is to put two questions to a referendum at the next federal election, likely to be at the end of this year or early in 1985.

The proposals are for simultaneous elections for both Houses of Parliament and for the interchange of powers between federal and state governments. This would enable Canberra to delegate powers to the states and vice versa.

Under the constitution the states can refer powers to Canberra but there is some uncertainty about the constitutional provisions. Before the war the states levied their own income tax but transferred that power to the federal government and have never claimed it back.

The two referendum questions were among five which were to have been put to the electorate in February. They were postponed because of a dispute between the Labour Government and the Australian Democrats over publicity funding for the referendum.

Greece to change law on British landowners

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Greece has prepared draft legislation recognizing the ownership of real estate bought by about 1,000 Britons on Corfu despite a 1927 decree barring foreigners from acquiring land in Greek frontier areas.

According to an authoritative source, the draft Bill "amending and clarifying" provisions of the original restrictive legislation was ready to be tabled as soon as Parliament resumed on June 27, after the recess for the European elections. "It regulates the position of British landowners in Corfu", the source said.

The Government's intention to amend the relevant law soon was invoked in a Corfu court yesterday to obtain a postponement of the hearing of two claims by former Greek owners to regain possession of Corfu court yesterday to obtain a postponement of the hearing of two claims by former Greek owners to regain possession of Corfu property they had sold to British interests more than a decade ago.

Most British owners in Corfu bought land in the late 1960s and early 1970s with official Greek encouragement and advice on how to set up Greek-based limited liability companies in order to circumvent the ban on foreign ownership.

The former owners are invoking a Supreme Court ruling issued in April last year which said that the 1927 ban was valid in the case of Greek-based companies that were effectively controlled by foreign interests.

The two hearings which the court agreed to postpone until November 11 concerned Kouloura Beach, a development estate in which Mr Jacob Rothschild, the London banker, has an active interest, and a one-acre property bought in 1970 and owned by Mrs Rosemary Tuckey and her two sons in The Kassiopi destrict, both in the north of the island.



Behind bars: Negri before he fled

30 years for absent leftist

From John Earle, Rome

Signor Toni Negri, the central figure in the "April 7" group of extreme left-wing intellectuals, was sentenced here yesterday in his absence to 30 years' imprisonment for complicity in murder

Of 70 other defendants accused with him of offences connected with terrorism, 59 received lesser terms

Signor Negri, a lecturer at Padua University, was elected as a radical parliamentary deputy a year ago. This gave him immunity from prosecution, as a result of which he was released and fled to France.

Ministers dismayed

Quebec party opts for independence

From John Best, Ottawa

The Parti Québécois, faced with a precipitous decline in popular support, has decided to nail its colours to the mast for Quebec independence from Canada.

At a weekend convention in Montreal, the party, which has held office in the predominantly French-speaking province for nearly eight years, decided to make independence the central issue in the provincial election, expected next year.

Several moderates in the Cabinet of Mr René Lévesque, the Premier, have expressed dismay at the action, fearing it will antagonize voters at a time when the party needs all the help it can get.

About 80 per cent of the 1,600 delegates supported a resolution which said a vote for the party would be a vote for independence and a mandate for separation would be considered more than half the popular vote. Ministers were divided over whether the clearcut stance would damage the Quebec Government's reelection chances. Many were convinced, however, that it would do nothing but harm.

A typical lament was voiced by Mr Clément Richard, Mr Lévesque's Cultural Affairs Minister, who said the resolution would distort the way people voted. "If we had an election tomorrow, I would not be a candidate", he said.

Mr Lévesque opposed the resolution – the handiwork of hardliners who have long felt the party is too timid on its proclaimed goal of Quebec sovereignty. But the Premier tried to put the best face on matters, telling reporters that once the election was called, independence would be what everyone was talking about anyway.

The party lost an independence referendum in 1980 by a decisive margin, but won reelection the next year on a good-government platform. A recent opinion poll indicated that its political fortunes have since plummeted. It trails the opposition Liberals by 69 per cent to 23 per cent among committed voters.

Court ready for second phase of Galtieri trial

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The military court trying General Leopoldo Galtieri and other former officers for Argentina's 1982 Falklands defeat has ended summary proceedings, moving the six-month trial a step closer to a final decision that Defence Ministry sources say could take a further six months.

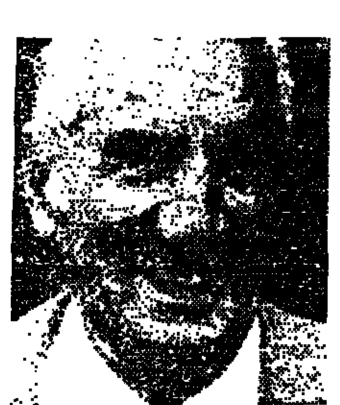
The president of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, Argentina's highest military tribunal, announced that the court had finished collecting evidence against General Galtieri and 15 other officers accused of military crimes ranging from negligence to cowardice.

He said the trial would now move into a new phase in which military prosecutors are to present the charges against the accused and in which the officers are to present their defence.

A Defence Ministry official said: "There is no way to predict how long this process will take, but you would not be far off if you said (until) November or December."

General Galtieri, the former President, Admiral Jorge Anaya, the former Navy commander, and Brigadier Basilio Lami Dozo, the former Air Force chief, were placed under arrest by the Supreme Council

SPECTRUM



Whatever happened to tennis? According to Fred Perry (left), Britain's last Wimbledon men's champion, the game is suffering from too many tournaments, too much money and too much trimming to suit the needs of television

The curse of too much money

The trouble with tennis nowadays is that there are too many tournaments and too much money on offer to the stars. I never thought I'd find myself putting forward such a criticism, but it's true. The proliferation of tournaments, especially now that the women have largely gone their own way, means that there are simply not enough top-level competitors to go round. Those that there are wear themselves out with too much tennis, too much travelling and too many other exhausting – if lucrative – commitments. On top of that, there is the constant mental pressure to succeed and retain a high ranking on the computer which decides the level of entry for competitors.

It is no longer a question of beating somebody for the pleasure of winning. Now players do it principally for the money and the computer points. This has led to a growth of "computer-orientated" players who can retain a high ranking by performing only on surfaces and in conditions that suit them, and it is one of the great pities of tennis that they are able to do this rather than expose themselves to the variety of surfaces on which the sport is played. Some even choose to miss Wimbledon, which would once have been unthinkable.

The 90-second rest at the change of ends, and the fact that the tie-break rule has virtually eliminated marathon deciding sets like 22-20 or 18-16, mean that the players are guaranteed less exhausting matches. However, the sheer speed of modern travel means that they are playing many more matches than we did. They can finish a tournament in London on Sunday, be in Los Angeles or Rio de Janeiro on Monday, and be playing in another tournament somewhere else on Tuesday.

Too many people continue to play these days when they are injured – because of the money. As long as they win a couple of rounds, collect the cash and the computer points, they are content. When you look at the scores these days it is amazing how many 6-7, 1-6 results you see.

This isn't just coincidence. If, as a second-round loser, the player collects $1000 and in any case would be facing McEnroe in the third round, its simpler – once he has lost the first set narrowly, despite playing hard – not to sweat his guts out, but take the money and move on to the next tournment.

Jet lag is another reason why there are more surprise results now than there were in my day, and the sheer pressure of competition means that some players never get around to working out improvements in their game. In the old days, if you wanted to learn something, you took time off the circuit to perfect it. Anthony Wilding, the pre-First World War Wimbledon champion, learned a new backhand on the boat trip from his home in New Zealand to England.

Nowadays, if a player is making a quarter of a million dollars a year and if a ranking level is at stake, it is admittedly very difficult to make the decision to quit the circuit completely in order to perfect a new stroke. There is always the chance that it wouldn't work anyway, and he might be throwing $60,000 prize money down the drain. The only example I can recall in recent times of a player who took this risk is the Australian Paul McNamee, who spent six months with Harry Hopman to learn a new, double-fisted backhand with a bigger racket. In McNamee's case it worked; he beat John McEnroe soon after in the French Open.

Endorsement business is way out of hand

Despite all the tournaments and the cash on offer, the great majority of the professionals earn no more than a comfortable living in very agreeable surroundings in exchange for all their travel and stress. The women are luckier than the men, since there are only two top ones now, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd. Take them away and a women's tournament is struggling to find a crowd-puller, though British fans are all keeping their fingers crossed that Jo Durie will continue her remarkable progress towards the top. Let's hope that she can become as popular as Virginia Wade.

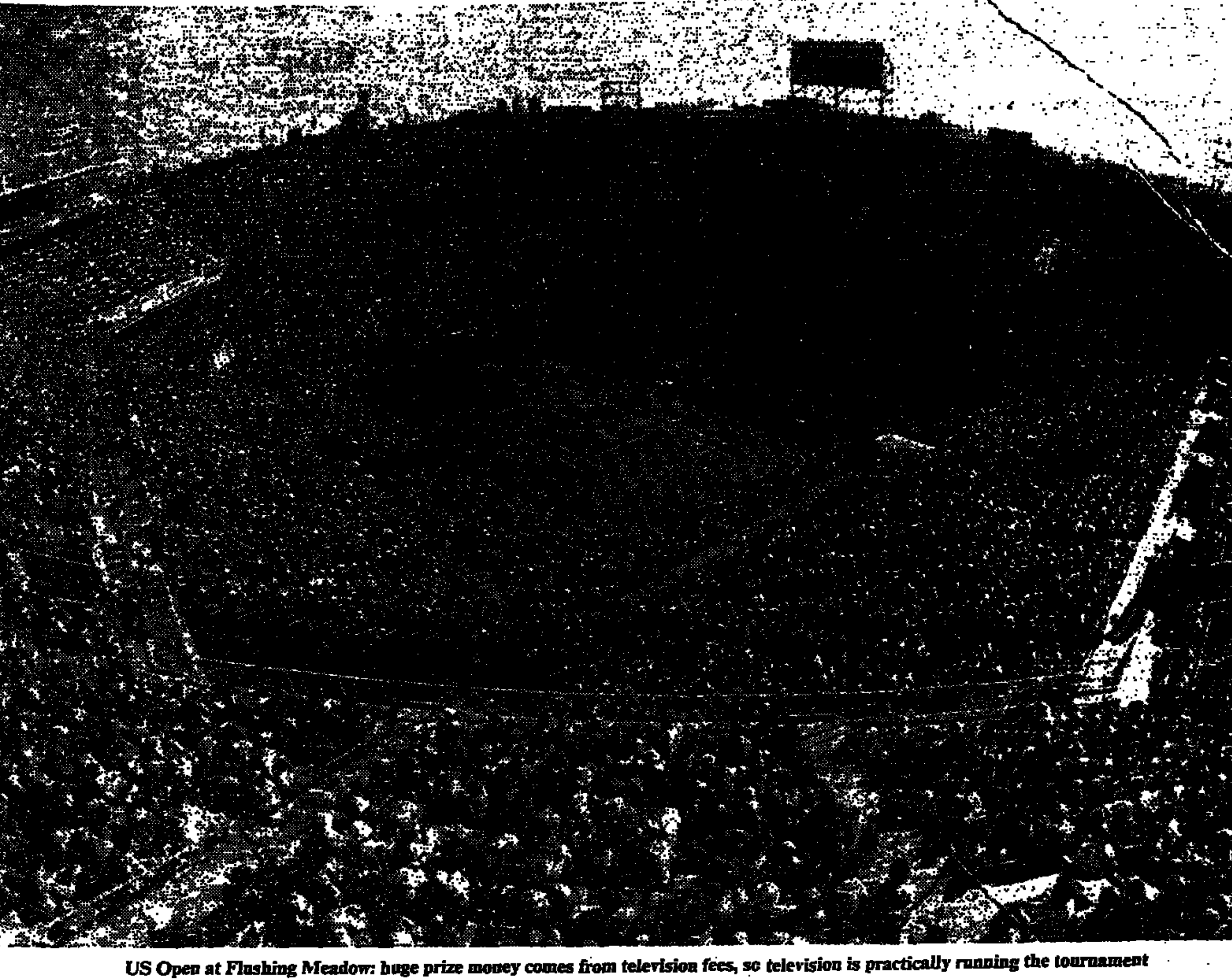
Because of the enormous number of people who play tennis around the world, the sport has generated a massive back-up business in clothing and equipment. This is natural enough and, of course, I've benefitted from this as much as anyone. But now manufacturers are keen to clothe and equip promising youngsters, sometimes at an incredibly early age, with the full encouragement of the agents, managers, lawyers, coaches and trainers they all seem to be surrounded by. The endorsement business is getting ludicrously out of hand and is placing extra pressure to succeed on players who are really still children.

This is much more prevalent in women's tennis. Girls of 14 and 15 - even 13 - are offered enormous amounts of money to endorse a certain racket or to wear certain clothes, shoes, even perfume or jewellery. Many players go into action now wearing more trade names than a Formula One racing car. I know that pro-tennis and commerce have always enjoyed a close relationship, but until today I didn't think they were married.

The catch is that, in order to live up to all this commercial backing, players must win some matches, and it's a tough grind for the teenage girls, especially when so many of the American ones are Chris Lloyd clones with two-handed backhands. They even look the same physically. By the time they're 17 many of them are carrying stress injuries because of the demands on little bodies and bones which are still developing. At about the same age a lot of them discover there are other things in life besides tennis.

Before the Second World War tournament tennis was true-blue amateur, and woe betide you if you tried to make it anything else. After the war, when there was more money around, what quickly became known as "shamateurism" crept into tennis, and competitors would only enter if they were guaranteed the prizes that went with a semi-final appearance. To sweep the game clean, tennis went Open in 1968, with Wimbledon, to its great credit, leading the way. From that moment tennis became big business – with agents and entrepreneurs and, of course, TV.

There is always the possibility that televison's huge influence and its potential effect on tennis can be a worrying thing, particularly in the United States where television has far too much to do with the actual scheduling of matches. In the US Open it's just not possible, as it is at Wimbledon, to have one of the major players performing on an outside court and a potentially good contest between lesser-known people on the main court – because this wouldn't suit the TV people.



US Open at Flushing Meadow: huge prize money comes from television fees, so television is practically running the tournament

It has reached the stage where TV is practically running the US Open. The huge prize money comes from the fees paid by the television companies, so the scheduling of matches depends on TV requirements, which depend on advertising, which depends on the right names, as far as tennis watchers are concerned, being on the screen. It's all a question of wheels within wheels. Television even fixes the time of the final at the US Open – a ludicrous 4 pm start to a five-set final, guaranteeing that it will have to finish under floodlights and in very different conditions from when it began, because the TV people are busy pumping out football earlier in the afternoon and tennis must await its turn in the programme slot.

The power of TV in the United States is obviously responsible for many players getting away with misbehaviour and rule-bending. Nobody with two hours' prime-time television and all the attendant commercial revenue can afford to have a player disqualified.

A supreme example of this came in the 1983 US Open final when Jimmy Conners suddenly sprinted off court, allegedly to obey a "call of nature", at a tight stage of his match with Ivan Lendl, who was given no reason for the stoppage. To begin with, it would have been mere courtesy to explain the reason why Lendl was left to kick his heels for several minutes in heat exceeding 100 degrees while Connors took a break. Lendl eventually protested and, in my opinion, would have been perfectly within his rights to demand Connors' disqualification. The tournament referee was called on to court, yet Connors got away with it. Why? Because TV wouldn't have tolerated the final being terminated unexpectedly by default or disqualification. It would have left them with "dead air" in prime time. So Connors came back and went on to win the match.

They wouldn't have got away with pulling such a stroke on me, even if it had meant a confrontation to end all confrontations. It would also have been interesting if Lendl had then said, "OK, I retire in protest."

It is possible, with enough money, to run a tournament specially for TV, like the now-defunct Pepsi Grand Slam at Boca Raton, Florida, by assembling four big names, packaging it and selling it to the screen, too often without any consideration about what such 'special events' are doing to the Grand Prix circuit.

Appearance money is hurting the sport

Of all the ills which exist in the game today (and in some cases have existed almost as long as tennis), the worst is the proliferation of special events and exhibition matches at the expense of the regular circuit. Tournament directors, promoters and sponsors must often wonder whether it's worth it when their events get a poor entry.

Promoters may put up $300,000 for a tournament, knowing that the Association of Tennis Professionals will guarantee them 32 competitors – but they don't know which ones. Most of the leading men aren't interested in playing much of the Grand Prix circuit beyond the major tournaments which keep their names in front of the public – and those who pay out the money for equipment and clothing contracts. They would rather take part in an exhibiton, often earning as much, or more, than they would by appearing for a whole week in a circuit event and with the possibility of a drop in prestige by losing.

That sort of attitude has to be bad for tennis. Modern exhibitions aren't like the tough head-to-head matches we used to play when I was a pro. No matter how promoters disguise it under the title of "shoot-out", "classic" or whatever, an exhibition is exactly what the name implies – a practice match beefed up by public relations experts. And for this, the star players may pick up $50,000 a night, or even more, for practising in public. An indication of how meaningless it all is, despite the hype poured forth by agents and pros, was given by Gladys Heldman in the American magazine *World Tennis* (November 1983) when she said, "McEnroe will never misbehave in one of these so-called "tournaments" because nothing is riding on it."

True, when I turned professional after winning Wimbledon for the third successive year in 1936 I moved into a world of exhibitions, too. But they were different. The professional championship of the world was at stake in the tours (often lasting four or five months and stretching into dozen of matches) that I undertook against people like Ellsworth Vines and Bill Tilden, so there was never any easing up. Those matches were far removed from being just public practices. A whole stream of talent, from Jack Kramer to Rod Laver maintained that high professional standard until the sport went open in 1968.

Despite the escalation in prize money since open tennis arrived, it is the phenomenal growth in appearance money that has caused such great concern to people like myself, who believe in winning and genuine competition and have the game's interest at heart.

Appearance money has existed since the "shamateurism" days, when it lurked under a different name. All the pious claims that there is no such thing as appearance money are a lot of hooey. It *does* exist, but it has been difficult to prove on the Grand Prix tournament circuit, since the top players blankly deny it and the promoters are afraid to admit it for fear of losing the big-name competitors next time round. The money being demanded is astronomical, and whether it goes directly into the players' pockets or reaches them by some other roundabout method, such as personal appearances or coaching clinics, is immaterial. Like exhibitions and 'special events', appearance money is hurting the sport.

You may say, "Oh, Fred made his money at tennis and now he wants to spoil it for those kids." I don't. It's one thing for a player to trade on his competitive abilities – as we did in my day – amd quite another to cream off huge sums from the game without even competing.

TOMORROW

'He was to be seen backstage saying "I wanna meet Liberace". And he got his way.' Alan Franks takes a fresh look at Bob Dylan.

My winning ways

At Wimbledon in 1934 while my father S. F. Perry was enduring my misfortunes, he had to put up with a loudmouth nearby who was telling everybody it was inconceivable that the British could tolerate somebody as badly behaved as Fred Perry. Why, he had "seen me only the previous night drinking at a club until 4am," and "in a very inebriated state". My father was not the sort to suffer fools gladly and told the man that, on the contrary, I had been home in bed by ten o'clock. "Are you calling me a liar?" asked the loudmouth. "Yes, I am," said my father, and then explained who he was. Silence reigned.



Champion leap: jubilant Fred Perry at Wimbledon in 1934

Being home in bed early every night was part of my meticulous preparation for what eventually became three years of triumph at Wimbledon. A friend of mine, Sandy Thomson, used to help by coming to stay with me at my father's house in Ealing for the duration of the tournament. Sandy wasn't my "minder" – that title belonged to Pops Summers – but he kept people away from me when the going was tough, and generally looked after my needs.

Another way in which I used to try to avoid the hurly-burly and lessen the pressure before a match was by going to the golf club across the road from Wimbledon, having a little fun on the putting green and sharing a cup of tea in the golf shop with the pro Bill Cox, until I was called by Dan Maskell half an hour before I was due to go on court. Then Maskell would give me a warm-up. I never shook hands with anybody before a match. I wasn't being snooty, but if you greeted fifty or sixty people you could lose some feeling in your hands. This was especially true if you happened to be playing an Australian or an American and one of his husky friends with hands like shovels came along and simply had to wish you good luck. Sandy Thomson was always there to ward them off, as politely as possible, and I used to keep my right hand in my pocket anyway for extra insurance.

I also took great care of those other little essentials – my feet – and went to a lot of trouble over the choice of footwear. If your feet hurt, you can't play tennis; it's as simple as that. So I had my shoes (they were called "plimsolls" in those days) specially made by a man in Pinner. They were of buckskin, laced to the toe and with a very thin leather sole, under which was stitched a slightly thicker crêpe sole. These plimsolls were extremely light and durable and not only fitted like a glove but could be bent over and popped into my pocket if necessary: say, if somebody tried to shake me by the foot.

One of my methods of injecting a little gamesmanship into a big match was to vault the net if I had won and congratulate my opponent, thereby giving the crowd the impression that this Perry fellow was fit enough to play another five sets. It's rather like a boxer who has been clobbered senseless, dancing around to make people think he didn't feel a thing.

I had another trick up my sleeve if I was involved in matches with a 10-minute break at the end of the third set. I'd start by wearing off-white gaberdine trousers and an off-white shirt. Then, after the rest period, I would re-emerge in dazzling white duck trousers and a fresh white cotton shirt, my hair neatly parted. The crowd always thought I looked twice as fresh as the other man, but of course it was just window dressing.

Fred Perry, *An Autobiography*, *is published on June 14 by Stanley Paul, price £8.95.*

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Some of the new books out about Glyndebourne this week . . .

Mozart: The Man, the Music and the Menus. A new collection of essays in which various experts discuss what picnic they would take with which Mozart opera, and why. Sir Roy Strong has some very illuminating things to say about the colour of food and its relationship to the scenery of each opera. "Never eat radishes or raspberries with Figaro", he says, though I now forget why.

Glyndebourne: The Railway Years. Fifty years ago, when the first opera was produced, the railways of Britain were plentiful, cheap and easy, and an opera-goer could reckon to get to Glyndebourne in any one of half a dozen ways. Today things are different. Wallace K. Focus, whose studies of Indian railways are legendary, and who was adviser to *Brideshead Revisited* on porters' uniforms, now turns his attention to the opera trains of Sussex.

Glyndebourne: It'll be All Wrong on the Night! If there's one thing that opera people love more than opera, it's talking about opera, and if there's one kind of opera talk they like, it's about the great disasters that happen in opera. Here, gathered in one small volume by Dr Ernest Fastnet, are the most hilarious things ever to have happened at Glyndebourne, from the time Martini came on in Idomeneo wearing sunglasses by mistake, to the night a robin built a nest in Spartini's hair as he lay dying in Act III of some Haydn or other. Priceless. Sidesplitting. Absolutely a knock-out.

Programmes at Glyndebourne. There is a serious side to opera, too, and for Keith Foggett, it is collecting opera programmes. He has been collecting opera programmes ever since he can remember and now he has boxes and boxes full, and his wife has left him, and you can't even get in his bathroom for programmes, but it's made a lovely book.

One Man's Glyndebourne. A curious book by Simon Plinth this, as although the author is keen enough on opera, he does not appear ever to have been to Glyndebourne, perhaps because he was never invited or just couldn't afford it. As a result, he is almost the only journalist not to have written an article this week on his memories of Glyndebourne; instead, we have this engaging book on his memories of other opera places.

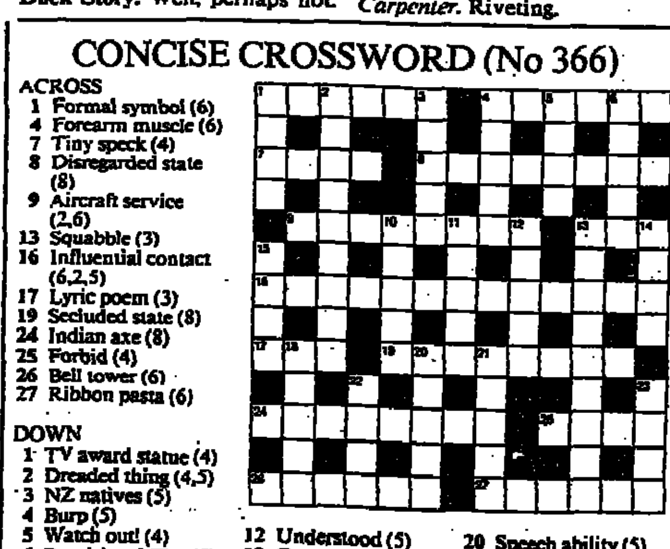
Glyndebourne and D-Day. By an extraordinary coincidence, the anniversaries of D-Day and Glyndebourne have come together, though as one is the fortieth and the other the fiftieth this makes for a less than wholly satisfactory book from Major-General Brian Cartini. He does his best to trace what would have happened if the Germans had counter-attacked through Sussex and follows the careers of those famous opera singers who were involved in the Normandy landings (not very many), but on the whole one wonders why he bothered, except for the money. Would it not have been better to link the birth of Glyndebourne with some other event that happened 50 years ago, such as the birth of Donald Duck?

The Glyndebourne/Donald Duck Story. Well, perhaps not. This BBC publication, tied in with BBC2's forthcoming series on comic opera, says nothing that has not been said before. And the fact that Donald Duck's words are virtually unintelligible does not ipso facto make him an interesting operatic figure. Perhaps it would have been better to tie in Glyndebourne with something like health and diet.

The Glyndebourne Slimming and Fitness Book. And there again perhaps not. In a world where most practitioners are on the well-built side, and where singers are always dropping out at the last moment for health reasons, it doesn't seem very advisable to put them forward as paragons of healthy living.

Fear and Degradation in Glyndebourne, or A Seizure in Sussex. The well-known drug-associated American journalist Hunter S. Thompson, with drawings by Ralph Steadman, freaks out in a few operas and gets chucked out of all of them. Shows opera in a completely new light as one of the totally hallucinatory experiences. Bernard Levin makes a brief appearance as an oyster in a dream sequence based loosely on *The Walrus and The Carpenter*. Riveting.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 366)



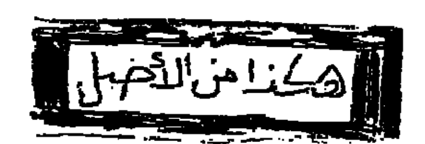
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4 Forearm muscle (6)
7 Tiny speck (4)
8 Disregarded state (8)
9 Aircraft service (2,6)
13 Squabble (3)
16 Influential contact (6,2,5)
17 Lyric poem (3)
19 Secluded state (8)
24 Indian axe (8)
25 Forbid (4)
26 Bell tower (6)
27 Ribbon pasta (6)

DOWN
1 TV award statue (4)
2 Dreaded thing (4,5)
3 NZ natives (5)
4 Burp (5)
5 Watch out! (4)
6 Provisional IRA (5)
10 Seaside golf course (5)
11 Last Supper bowl (5)
12 Understood (5)
13 Cromwellian (9)
14 Five faculties (4)
15 Frizzy hair style (4)
18 Queen bee's mate (5)
20 Speech ability (5)
21 Go over with pen (3,2)
22 Fifty per cent (4)
23 UK Anglican (1,2,1)

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

So you think you eat healthily?

THE FOOD SCANDAL

How can we eat well and stay healthy? Geoffrey Cannon argues that it is possible – but that the Government should show the way

"The simple fact is that our diets have changed radically within the last 50 years, with great and often very harmful effects on our health. . . . Too much fat, too much sugar or salt, can be and are linked directly to heart disease, cancer, obesity and stroke, among other killer diseases. . . Those of us within government have an obligation to acknowledge this. The public wants some guidance, wants to know the truth."

George McGovern
Chairman, US Senate Committee
Dietary Goals for the United States, February 1977

Like the rest of us, children on average consume around one-fifth of their calories in the form of processed, "refined" sugars. A popular classroom exercise conducted by knowledgeable teachers nowadays, as seen on television, is to show children the amount of sugars they eat (in the form of confectionery, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits, and so forth) by measuring it out by the spoonfuls. The children are amazed. Their parents are outraged.

People are surprised to learn that the British population consumes about 40 per cent of total calories in the form of fat, and 20 per cent as processed sugars. And "not me" they say. "I've stopped taking sugar in coffee and trim the fat off my meat". But there is more – much more – fat and sugars in food than meets the eye. Milk, for example. Of silver top milk, 52 per cent of calories is fat. And here are some other figures for fat. Cheddar cheese: 71 per cent. Full fat yoghurt: same as milk, 52 per cent. Bacon, 60-80 per cent; red meat, 55-75 per cent: that extra 20 per cent, the difference between 60 and 80, or 55 and 75, is the fat you trim off. Sausages, 70 per cent. Butter or margarine, 100 per cent. What about "low-fat" spreads like Gold or Outline? They are margarine with added water, together with something like gelatine to stick it together so it looks like margarine rather than an oil slick: percentage of calories that are fat, still 100.

What about sugars? If you measure the percentage of the weight of a soft drink like Coca Cola composed of sugars, the result sounds almost reassuring: 10. But the other 90 per cent is water; so, percentage of calories in Coca Cola in the form of sugars: 100. The lot. Other figures for sugars? All-Bran: 22. Ice-cream: 55. Sweetened orange juice: 63; and that does not include the sugars from the orange itself. Canned fruit in syrup: 60-80 per cent. Baked beans: 31 per cent calories added sugars. Oh, and tomato ketchup: 94 per cent of calories added sugars.

There are then the foods which are "sweet fat", containing saturated fats made palatable by added sugars. Ice-cream again: 32 per cent fat, making a total of 87 per cent fat and sugars together. Fruit-flavoured yoghurt: 63 per cent total fat and added sugars. Digestive biscuits: with chocolate, 65 per cent; plain, 53 per cent. And what about the favourite British soup, cream of tomato? That's 89 per cent of energy supplied by fat and sugars, which puts it up close to the Mars Bar league. Much of the food most commonly eaten in Britain has only marginally more nourishment in it than candy.

Public health is not a party political issue. Farmers, miners, and politicians, all have an equal interest in avoiding premature death. The view of the Conservative Government is that citizens should be free to make their own choices, even when such choices may kill them, as with smoking.

But when you buy a packet of cigarettes, you have some idea of what you might be letting yourself in for. Apart from the government health warning, there is another label (which may or may not be a useful guide) saying HIGH or MEDIUM or LOW TAR. The unhealthy choice to smoke is an informed choice. Choice requires information.

There are those who state, from a position suggesting authority, that fat, sugar and salt, in the quantities we now consume them in Britain today, are harmless to health. As far as I know these people are all employed, paid by or associated with the food industry, full time or as consultants. There may be others whose connexion with the industry is limited to working for a university department whose buildings and research are partly funded by the industry.

For the rest of us, informed choice about food means explicit food labelling. And this means not only ingredient labelling, but nutritional labelling. We have a right to know just how much fat, saturated fat, sugars, salt and fibre a food contains. We also have a right to uniform nutritional labelling. Socks, duvets and electric fires have standardized information and guidance on their labels. So should food. This requires legislation.

A couple of weeks ago I asked John Patten, the DHSS minister responsible for public health, what his views were on food labelling. "The industry knows that the writing is on the wall", he said. So perhaps the writing will be on the label, too. Current Conservative policy is to seek voluntary agreements with the food industry. At the same time, Patten told me that "the harder the evidence about diet-related disease, the harder we will have to look at legislation". Next month the DHSS will publish the findings of its expert advisory committee on the subject of diet and cardiovascular disease. The report is expected to link fat and heart disease unequivocally. Will legislation follow?

There is now general agreement among leading representatives of the medical profession that "the scope for prevention of the modern plagues that afflict our society is as great as it was a hundred years ago with infectious diseases." These words were spoken at a major conference in Merseyside this April, by Professor Alwyn Smith, president of the Faculty of Community Medicine. His view is shared by men of equal seniority in the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal Society. A combined call for action from these men, which would certainly be backed by *The Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*, could change history, as it did in the days of cholera.

There is a lot of history to change. For a start, the European Common Agricultural Policy, which by subsidizing fat and sugar effectively taxes healthy food, has to be dismantled and reassembled. Food and health must become a major national priority: for government, the first move should be a cabinet committee set up on a war footing, briefed to think through the financial implications of healthy food. (As an example, people who live long hale lives, dying quietly in good health of old age, save the NHS money but cost more in pensions; in both cases the money involved is billions of pounds a year.)

Information, education and exhortation all together have their limits, however. Senior Republican Senator Charles Percy also served on the McGovern committee which, in 1977, made US government policy on food and health. Percy said, "without government and industry commitment to good nutrition, the American people will continue to eat themselves to poor health. . .Our national health depends on how well and how quickly government and industry respond." Industry will not make concerted moves without a lead from government. There are, however, enlightened people in the British food industry, leviathan though it has become. Rowntree, Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury, Cadbury, are names of men in the food industry noted for public service. Their day may come again.

There is more to public health than a series of individual choices. But while we are waiting for the doctors, the politicians, the businessmen and the teachers to make their minds up, we as individuals and members of families can eat healthy food at our next meal or after our next shopping expedition. Here, for example, illustrated on this page are two lunches, either one of which you might be eating a few hours after reading this feature. On the left is the type of lunch many people eat nowadays, and finish with a faint sense of self-satisfaction. It includes salad and sorbet; the gin is single, the bottle of wine is shared between two; the helping of greens is big, the potatoes small. This meal is, however, a disaster. On the right is a meal guaranteed to fill you up: gallons of thick soup, lashings of bread and potatoes, and room for one luxury – camembert cheese or whatever cheese you fancy. This meal is a triumph: bulging with fibre, vitamins and minerals, and the type of fat that is positively good for you.

Accompanying the illustration is a brief account of what to look for in a restaurant, at home, or come to that, in the shops. We have been taught that all we need to do to eat for health is to eat a "normal balanced, varied" diet. But for the last few generations western food has become abnormal, unbalanced and artificially varied. Now is the time for the tide to turn.

Developed from The Food Scandal *by Caroline Walker and Geoffrey Cannon, now published by Century (£7.95).*

THIS WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU

0 Red wine (½ bottle)
70 Gin and tonic (single)
0 Coffee (2 cups)
89 Cream
0 Salt
0 Pepper
100 Butter
SUGAR 100
7 Toast (thin, white)
27 Potatoes (roast)
53 Digestives
100 Mint
95 Broccoli (buttered)
0 Celery
55 Roast[1]
96 Sorbet
79 Gravy
78 Stilton
75 Pate
0 Garnish

What's in the two lunches

Unhealthy contents (percentage of total energy)

MEAT MEAL		FISH MEAL
44	Fat	30
22	Saturated fat	10
15	Sugars	0
18	Alcohol	5
77	Total	35
23	Remainder	64

Unhealthy contents High (H) Medium (M) or Low (L)

H	Salt	L
H	Caffeine	M

Healthy contents High (H) Medium (M) or Low (L)

L	Fibre	H
L	Vitamin B1	H
M	Vitamin B6	H
M	Folic acid	H
M	Vitamin C	H
L	Potassium	H
M	Calcium	H
M	Magnesium	H
H	Iron	H
L	Essential fats	H
H	Proteins	H
1600	Total calories	1200

[1]of any red meat [2]cooked in natural juice
[3]fats from cereals and fish are healthy
[4]or other fatty fish, or game

Figures before each food show the percentage of energy supplied by fat and added sugars

Food listed in bold can be eaten in unlimited quantities

THIS WILL SET YOU UP FOR LIFE

0 White wine (1 glass)
0 Coffee (1 cup)
0 Fruit juice (fresh)
15 Soup (thick vegetable)[2]
52 Milk
2 Potato (baked) yogurt filling
0 Broccoli (steamed)
78 Camembert
0 Fruit
0 Pepper
0 Mineral water
11 Wholemeal bread (thick slice)[3]
59 Salmon[3,4] and juices
10 Rye bread[3]

● The "heavy" lunch (or dinner) is becoming a thing of the past in Britain. In restaurants or in the home, people are saying "no" to pastry, potatoes, puddings and port. The result is the sort of meal illustrated on the left. The assumptions that lead to the choice of a meal like this are mostly false or else misleading.

● Protein is good for you. True only up to a point. Adults in Britain tend to eat more protein that they need. And protein from animal sources (paté, meat, butter, cheese, cream) comes loaded with saturated fat.

● Vegetables and fruit are good for you. Absolutely true. But garnish (with paté and cheese) and fruit (in sorbet) come in derisory amounts; and the vitamins in boiled buttered greens (broccoli) are mostly lost.

● Starchy foods are fattening. False. Bread (wholemeal is best) and potatoes (best when new) are very nutritious, satisfying, but not fattening. It's the added fat (butter, gravy) or added sugar (like jam) that is fattening.

● Calories should be cut. Misleading. It's best to eat lots of nourishing food, and to take regular vigorous exercise. The fattening foods are those that supply calories but little or no nourishment: fat, sugars and alcohol.

On the illustration, the percentage of fat and added sugars, of total energy, is given for each item of the meal. Below is a more detailed analysis of the meal. A good, healthy meal is low in fat, saturated fat, added sugars, salt and alcohol. It is high in nourishment: fibre, vitamins, minerals and the essential fats found in whole cereals and fish. Vegetable protein is a fat-free source of amino acids. On most counts the meal on the left is a disaster. It won't make you drunk and it probably won't make you fall asleep, but that's about all that can be said for it.

Whole, fresh food is best for health. The less processing the better. The closer food is to its natural environment for growth – earth, water, air – the better. When choosing a meal, an excellent rule of thumb is: could this be eaten at the table of a self-sufficient peasant farmer with well-stocked land and rivers? Other guidelines are:

● Bread is the staff of life. Wholemeal bread (made from wholegrain wheat, rye or other cereals) is rich in fibre, protein, vitamins, minerals, and essential fats. White bread is a grossly inferior food.

● Vegetables and fruit are best whole. Vegetables are best cooked in their own juices (soup) or steamed rather than boiled (broccoli) or cooked in their skins (baked potato). Fruit is best eaten whole.

● Fit animals make healthy fat. Like the fat of sedentary people, the fat of penned animals is highly saturated and unhealthy. The fat of fish (salmon, say, or mackerel) and of game, is unsaturated.

● Alcohol in moderation is fine. You do not have to abstain. There is no harm in being teetotal (or vegetarian) but, for a man for example, a half-bottle of good wine (or a couple of pints of good beer) during a day is acceptable.

Together with saturated fat, it is added sugars and salt that make British food unhealthy. Like breaking the smoking habit, getting used to food without added sugars and salt is a process that may take three months or more. Afterwards, the taste of added sugars or salt is disgusting.

The meal illustrated on the right has substantially fewer calories than the meal on the left. The food listed in bold is so healthy that it can be eaten in unlimited quantities. On all counts the meal on the right is healthy, as well as being delicious and satisfying.



Next year I'll settle for my back garden

By Maggie Drummond

By the time we got to the hotel it was eleven at night and standing room only in the bar. It was standing room only in the bedroom, too. Oh, said my husband looking at the four beds, where's the other room for the children? The Spanish holiday trade works on a fine margin, making its profit on the last four holidays sold. We were clearly that last four.

It had seemed the only thing to do at the time, my husband said. He couldn't face a week's holiday at home fielding my phone calls and fending off people wanting to know where Maggie was.

But in the week before Easter everywhere was solidly booked. Everywhere, that is, except Benidorm. At first they weren't going to tell me. "It's a surprise" said my son. Benidorm I reckoned was grounds for divorce. You're a snob, said my husband. He had been there 20 years ago in his previous marital incarnation and it wasn't that bad. Next morning I determined to cancel and found my children cleaning their buckets and spades and hunting for their flippers. Sun is sun and sand is sand, when you are seven and can't tell the difference between one strip of plage and another. The thought of half-term holidays teeming with rain and recrimination was too much.

I really rather enjoyed myself, although I wouldn't go so far as to say that when I next think of a holiday Benidorm – and given our sleeping arrangements *dorm* was the word – will spring to mind. What does spring to mind, increasingly, and guiltily, is the wish that husband and children would take themselves off somewhere for two or three days once a year and let me have a holiday on my own, somewhere sympatico and congenial, like the back garden or the bath.

For the holiday trade has dreamt up every kind of holiday – singles trips, geriatric round-the-world tours and activity holidays galore. The one thing they haven't promoted is holidays for tired-out mums. They do have them of course, but dressed up as something else – archaelogical digs or brass-rubbing seminars.

A recent *Which* report on health farms noted that most customers are women and that very few of them actually lose weight. This doesn't surprise me. It's usually just an expensive, guilt-free way of getting away from their families.

It's not that I don't like family holidays. It's just that after three weeks of sandcastles and freezing waist-high in the sea for hours I feel like a rest away from it, or rather them. Perhaps the trade can't find a way of coping with wife-only holidays without being denounced from the pulpit. Perhaps the best thing they could do would be to promote relationship-building holidays for fathers and children. Then next year they could go to Benidorm without me.

A chance to let your imagination run wild

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Insatiable curiosity was the undoing of the elephant's child, and satiable curiosities may yet be mine. How interesting it would be to taste beaver stew, roast racoon, mooseburgers de luxe, wild turkey gumbo, or snowshoe rabbit with applejack. I have tantalizing recipes for them all in the *L. L. Bean Game and Fish Cookbook* from the revered supplier of every imaginable need of the American hunter and fisherman, and a few you would not have dreamt of.

Elk steak, sampled in Denver, and reindeer ragout on a menu in the French alps both tasted much like venison which is now farmed and on sale in this country all year round. Pigeons and rabbits, wild or tame, and nearly game, can be found at any season too. Both are inexpensive when compared with the prices charged for grouse, pheasant or partridge when they are sent to London, and all that is avilable to satisfy an appetite for wild tastes at this time of year.

Wild rice, which smells like strong straw, is fiendishly expensive and a little of its flavour goes a long way. It has a particular affinity with the dark meat of furred and feathered game and with all kinds of mushrooms. The following recipe for pigeons braised with wild rice is based on a dove dish in the *L. L. Bean Game and Fish Cookbook*. Only the breast meat of the birds is used, but obviously the pigeons could be braised whole using the same method. In this recipe, brown rice is mixed with the wild rice.

Chicken, rabbit, and game birds are good cooked the same way.

Pigeon braised with wild rice
Serves four

30g (1oz) wild rice
170g (6oz) long grain brown rice
Breast meat of 2 or 4 pigeons depending on size and appetites
Juice ½ lemon
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 tablespoons olive or sunflower oil
4 shallots or 1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 stick celery, finely sliced
225g (8oz) button mushrooms
A sprig of tarragon
120ml (4fl oz) dry vermouth or white wine
600ml (1 pint) chicken stock

Put the wild and brown rice in a sieve and wash them together in cold water until it runs clear. Drain.

Skin the pigeon breasts, rub them with lemon juice and season them with salt and pepper.

Heat the oil in a fireproof casserole and lightly sauté the shallot or onion, celery and mushrooms. Remove them from the pan.

Spread the rice over the bottom of the casserole and lay the pigeon on top of it. Scatter the vegetables over the meat and add the tarragon, vermouth or wine, and three quarters of the stock. Cover and bake in a preheated moderate oven (160°C/325°F, gas mark 3) for 1½ to 1¾ hours, or until both the pigeon and rice are tender. Check from time to time that the rice does not dry out before it has cooked, adding more stock or water as needed by sprinkling it over the dish.

Serve pigeon braised with wild rice very hot.

● Wild rice is not really rice at all but the seeds of a grass that grows wild along the waters-edge of lakes in Minnesota, Wisconsin and southern Canada. Its other names are Indian rice and water oats and it is still gathered by Indians who harvest it by boat.

● Look for small packets of wild rice in speciality shops, good grocers and delicatessens. It will cost about £10 a pound and is usually sold in smaller quantities.

Nuggets of tender, boneless rabbit in a glistening jelly flavoured with herbs and wine are the basis of a summery terrine. In *Cuisine Minceur* Michel Guerard calls such a dish a *gateau de lapin* and in his recipe small golden plums, mirabelles, are cooked with the meat. Cherries, which are in the shops now, or green gooseberries which are due any day, can be substituted for the mirabelles. Or the fruit may be omitted entirely.

Start the dish at least 48 hours before you plan to eat it.

Terrine of rabbit
Serves four to six

Saddle and hinglegs of a young rabbit, boned (about 450g/1lb)
4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chervil (if available)
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon, or 1 teaspoon dried
1 tablespoon chopped shallot
120ml (4fl oz) dry white wine
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 teaspoons powdered gelatine or 4 sheets leaf gelatine
20 mirabelles, cherries or green gooseberries
1 tablespoon cognac
350ml chicken stock

Cut the rabbit meat fairly large cubes. Mix together the herbs, shallot, wine, and seasonings and turn the rabbit pieces in this marinade. Allow it to stand overnight.

Next day, soak the gelatine in about 120ml (4fl oz) of cold water and leave it to swell and soften. Stone the mirabelles or cherries if you are using them and sprinkle the fruit with the cognac.

Drain the meat and pour the marinade into a saucepan. Boil the marinade until it has reduced to half its original volume then strain it and add the softened gelatine and stir until it has melted completely. Add the chicken stock and check seasoning.

Put the rabbit and fruit in a terrine and pour the marinade/stock mixture over it. Cover and cook in a water bath in a preheated slow oven (150°C/300°F, gas mark 2) for two-and-a-half hours.

Chill the terrine overnight before serving it in hearty spoonfuls with warm fresh bread and green salad stuffs.

The L.L. Bean Game and Fish Cookbook *by Angus Cameron and Judith Jones is published in the United States by Random House and costs $19.95. (£14.25).*

Cuisine Minceur *by Michel Guerard is published by Macmillan at £5.95.*

THE ARTS: 1

Television

Partisan history

Real Lives (BBC1) concerned some of the first soldiers who fought in Belfast and who now, 15 years later, were going back for the benefit of the cameras. Time has not softened their impressions, however: "It was round about here that that gunner got killed" was one of the first memories as they were driven through a city which looked as damp and grey as an old dishcloth. And it was a measure of the fear which those streets once induced that they still felt uncomfortable while standing on them.

This view from the ground of the Irish troubles was more illuminating, and certainly more interesting, than the overtly sectarian or studiously impersonal accounts to which we have become accustomed. The quondam participants had returned as spectators, and were able to interview some of the people whom they had fought against. The locals also questioned them, and one angry lady accused them of turning against the Catholic population – an attack for which the old soldiers offered no adequate response, and their attempt to be good-humoured and sensible was quickly rebuffed. As always, the events to which both sides were witnesses were quite differently explained: the impossibility of non-partisan "history", let alone non-partisan soldiers, became painfully apparent.

This was the story of the "inevitable" involvement of those soldiers in the streets of Belfast – from their first training in a state of well-intentioned ignorance to the first act of violence when a water reservoir was blown up in 1969. And then, as soon as the gun battles started, everything changed: "murder after murder", as one of them put it. Most of the returning soldiers seemed depressed and weary after the excursion, and they simply looked on at the young soldiers who have taken their place and are encountering the same frustrations, the same problems and the same fear.

The image which this programme left behind was of a situation which remains hopeless, moving neither forward nor backward but sucking everyone into the same fatal stagnation. And the soldiers' story was, in the end, "I don't think it was worth it".

Peter Ackroyd

The age-old rivalry between Melbourne and Sydney has found a fresh focus as the former's spectacular arts complex nears completion: **Linda Christmas** reports

Wide-eyed envy of visiting Europeans

The Great Australian Opera House – the antipodean answer to La Scala and Covent Garden – is almost complete. What a pity they have built the outside in Sydney and the inside in Melbourne.

That is the current joke about the on-going, century-old battle between the two cities for supremacy in all things, but particularly for the titles of cultural capital and financial capital of Australia. Sydney might be older by some 50 years, and thus could fairly be said to have had a head start, but Melbourne, partly through her luck in finding gold upon her doorstep, took the lead on both counts and held it for many a year.

When Sydney got her architecturally acclaimed opera house, with its harbour setting and its roof of soaring sails, it became an international talking-point and did much to rejuvenate not just opera, but the city's arts scene in general. The building also contains a theatre and a concert hall. The battle seemed won. But quietly by the banks of the Yarra, Melbourne mocked and made a million gags about the Sydney building being 25 times over-budget, the stage being too small for opera and the provision for car parking zero. Melbourne also schemed: on the drawing board was her $A225m state-funded reply.

First came the concert hall in 1982, a concrete bunker on the outside but opulent inside. This autumn sees the official opening of a second building housing three theatres, which is only 15 times over budget. It has a huge underground park for 1,500 cars and in the largest of the theatres – a 2,000-seater for opera, ballet and musicals – there is an impressive, technological stage area. The central stage, large by any standards, is flanked by two side stages which enable sets to be changed within one minute, and, at the back, looking like a layer cake and ready to glide forward at the click of a switch, are two more stages, one revolving and the other specially sprung for ballet.

The word is that the stage space could accommodate eight suburban dwellings. But exaggeration, as Trollope was the first to point out, is a very Australian attribute. As they burst with pride, so they must boast even in sedate Melbourne, aided by the wide-eyed envy of visiting Europeans. Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the Royal Opera House, having viewed the spectacle, wrote and congratulated the general manager, George Fairfax, on having "the best opera house in the world". The quote was released to the press before anyone had heard a note in the place. This is not to cast doubt on the acoustics of the theatre, but everyone will recall the teething troubles of the concert hall where the brass and percussion persisted in dominating the strings.

So Melbourne has scored on three points to which must be added a fourth – the decor – for, unlike Sydney, Melbourne's theatres demand to be admired rather than ignored. The arrival-point is adorned by a huge mural (the whole place is dripping with art works) and the communal foyer or plaza is startlingly decked out in red with black reflective glass and a low, mirrored ceiling. Very art deco. The theatres, in contrast, have softer themes.

The Studio, with flexible seating for 400 and the home of experimental theatre as well as late-night cabaret, is mulberry and pewter. The 850-seat Playhouse, which for much of the year will be occupied by the Melbourne Theatre Company, is aubergine and copper, and the State Theatre is raspberry and gold; the seats are raspberry, the wall-panels of mountain ash have been stained a similar colour and the ceiling is made up of 75,000 brass baubles which shimmer and give off a golden glow.

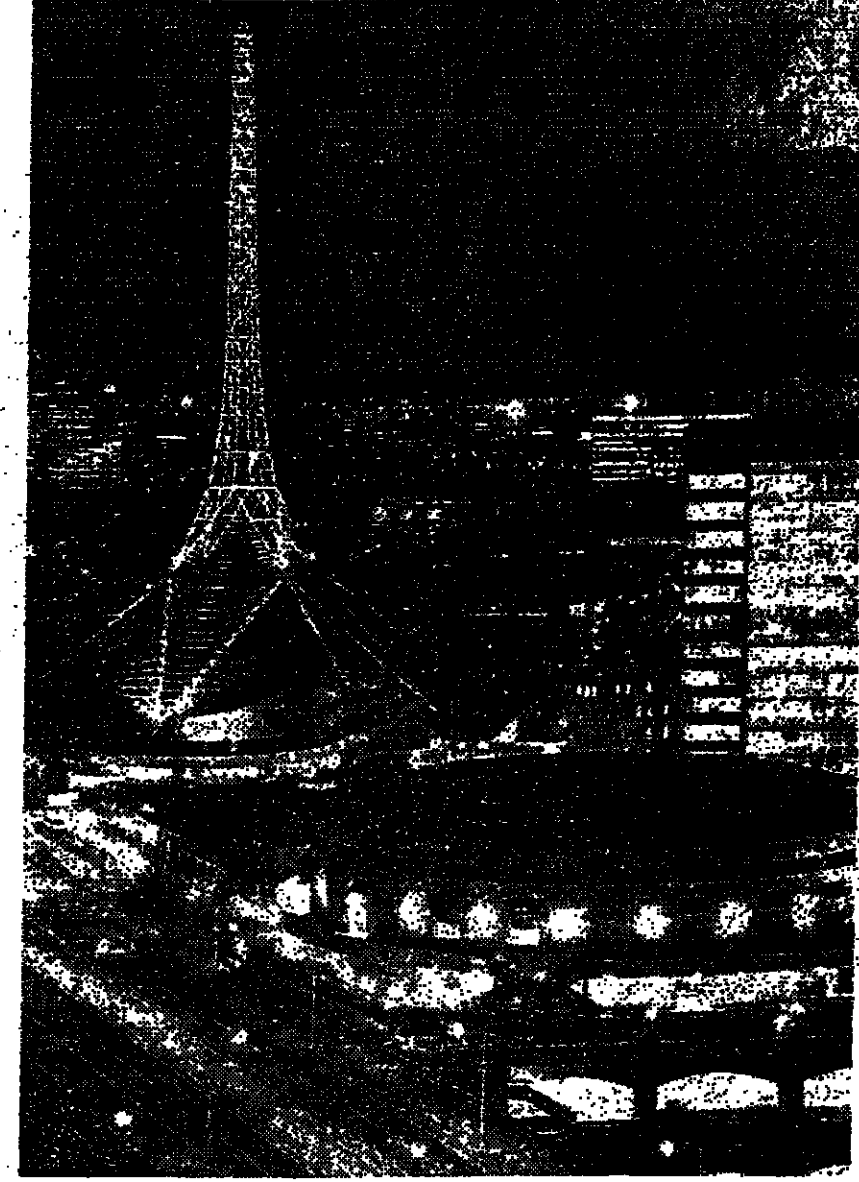
The fruity descriptions come from John Truscott, who returned from California, where he made his name by winning two Academy Awards for art direction and costume design for the film of *Camelot*, to his native Melbourne to undertake the interior design. Opera is his first love, he claims, as he describes the State Theatre. "I wanted it to resemble a nineteenth-century European house because most of the repetoire is going to come from that period. Anyway, red plush works for me every time."

On the outside the theatre complex remains a puzzle. The architect, the late Sir Roy Grounds, who also designed the concert hall, was said to be anxious not to detract from his location in tree-lined St Kilda Road, and thus put most of the building below ground, causing umpteem problem for engineers as steel piles disappeared into unfriendly silt. But, if this was his thinking, why the 115-metre spire with its anodized aluminium base, described by Grounds at various times either as a ballerina with her skirts swirling or as a see-through négligé? It dominates the skyline for miles and Truscott would like to embellish the spire further by adding 28 lasers projecting 120 beams into the sky to form a giant firework which will be activated one hour before each performance and half an hour afterwards. Such a tower, Eiffel or eyeful according to taste, could give those soaring sails in Sydney some competition, but the two million dollars needed is unlikely to be found before 1988. It could be a Bicentennial project.

Both Sydney and Melbourne have now spent decades and millions of dollars exorcising their edifice complex and convincing themselves that beautiful buildings stimulate artistic excellence. And it is upon this that they will now be judged. Until the autumn, while the final flecks of copper dust are applied, the bars get their licences and that computerized stage is put through its paces, the theatres are offering a series of "overture performances".

The Studio opened last month with a new look at Jack Hibbert's *Stretch of the Imagination*. The audience responded by walking out and the author retaliated by claiming that there was nothing wrong with the production but plenty wrong with the audience. The Playhouse followed with Euripides's *Medea*, mounted to lure home to Melbourne Zoe Caldwell, who won a Tony award in the title role for the best Broadway performance in 1982. And finally the State Theatre opened with Australian Opera's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, which was amplified, making it impossible to judge the acoustics.

It was not intended this way. But, as completion hoved into view, 300 building workers downed tools for six weeks, demanding life membership passes (free) to all arts centre shows. In the end they settled for the concert hall being handed over to them once a year, on Labour Day, to do with it what they wish, and for each and their wives and children to be given one set of free tickets to a performance in the new complex. Victory went to the Builders' Labourers' Federation and with it a golden opportunity for Sydneysiders to notch up the first of their million retaliatory gags.



The Victorian Arts Centre, with theatres under the spire and concert hall in the foreground

Theatre

Delicatessen
Half Moon

A full-throated bunch of animal lovers gathered outside the Half Moon on Monday night to protest on behalf of a kitten and a goldfish who get unceremoniously hauled about in the course of Francois-Louis Tilly's play. As the show sets out to dramatize the suffocating power of silence, the demonstrators were able to do it quite a lot of damage, but not to the extent of wrecking a bold, and genuinely alarming, piece of work.

Delicatessen takes place in the kitchen of a family shop and consists of a single habit-ridden day, ending at three in the morning with a horrendous departure from routine. The scenes all take place in real time, indicated by a clock on Peter Hartwell's gleaming antiseptic back wall, controlling the characters' every move through the domestic drudgery guaranteed to fill up every waking moment.

At first you sit waiting for the play to begin, and then realize that this is it. Tilly got his first break in Balzac, and Balzac would have approved his confidence in chronicling these detailed banalities.

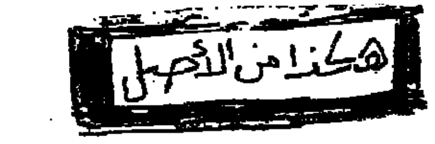
Such dialogue as there is consists of stunted bursts of gossip and witless jokes. But for most of the time the only voices are those of prisoners in a television documentary; and, where Derek Goldby's production gets laughs, they come from absurd excesses of routine – such as the sight of Gillian Barge (as the mother) cleaning the sink, and then cleaning the carton of cleaning fluid.

The penalty of compulsive domesticity is embodied in the figure of a totally alienated son: first seen relieving himself into a spotless sink, and proceeding through the day in mounting series of loutish outrages (including those offending the Mile End Road's animal lovers), culminating with a drunken assault on the whole kitchen – to which the parents respond with the full ferocity of believers avenging their desecrated shrine.

The play leaves it to you to work out the psychological history. By the time we see them, the son (Rob Dixon) has become a monster, and the parents are incurable slaves. What emerges is a ruthlessly brilliant puppet show, held on course by discipline and nerve, and grotesquely memorable performances: particularly John Joyce, as the father, a balding nonentity periodically wracked by spasms of ineffectual rage and mirthless giggles.

Irving Wardle

Entertainments



THE ARTS: 2

Theatre

Ayckbourn back in time and back to form

Intimate Exchanges
Greenwich

In *Family Circles*, Alan Ayckbourn explored the role of chance in determining whom we marry and what we do by surreally showing three couples reordering themselves in quick succession. *Sisterly Feelings* comprised different scenes chosen on the toss of a coin, and now *Intimate Exchanges* goes the whole hog, with an opening leading to eight different plots, each with an alternative ending: 31 scenes, of which four are used on any one evening. And two actors, playing all the parts between them, have learnt the lot.

What follows, then, is barely one-eighth of a review, but clearly audiences for the Greenwich season – or the Ambassadors transfer that will follow it – are in for a lottery. We scored three mostly excellent scenes and one which varied wildly.

After some of his recent work, it is good to get back (this piece is two years old) to the real Ayckbourn style, painfully well-observed and very funny, played with understanding by two stars from his Scarborough company. Here is Lavinia Bertram as one of those quietly cracking-up wives, and Robin Herford, an alcoholic prep-school headmaster in cavalry moustache and twills, given a magnificent litany of complaints against modern society which delicately combines the sensitive and the famous, the vulgarity of pop culture and the iniquitous price of Scotch.

Whipping off his shirt and donning a curly wig, Mr Herford reappears as the muscular school groundsman whom the lady fancies and innocently patronizes. Reversals of sympathy are constant: the misused Celia is shown as ineffective and condescending; her husband shows sensitivity crushed by experience; and brawny Lionel combines creativity and a passion for Bruckner with murderous class resentment. But such shocks quickly become a mechanical device.

Donald Cooper



Cracking up: Lavinia Bertram with Robin Herford

Setting up with Lionel as a caterer, Celia finds herself facing sports day tea with no cakes and a rock-hard sandwich loaf the shape of a congealed swastika. She flips her lid and reverts crazily to childhood tea-parties for imaginary toys, an in-joke (it is one of the *Confusions* plays superimposed on another) which leaves the situation neither believable nor painful.

Under Ayckbourn's own direction, both players pursue all their characters lovingly and thoughtfully, however true or contrived their situations. Miss Bertram, in particular, doubles entertainingly as a tough little country wench and an even tougher tweedy lady. As for the other scenes they play, we must wait and see.

Anthony Masters

London debuts

Luxuriant palette

The English pianist **Peter Lion** is a neat player with a keen ear for harmonic balance. He created a luxuriant tonal palette in the first section of Franck's Prelude, Chorale and Fugue and thus the work took on a more Latin than Gallic ethos. The contrapuntal demands at the close of the piece were not quite mastered: Lion's right hand faded into obscurity beside the thick bass figurations. Beethoven's "Les Adieux" Sonata had opened the programme. Over-careful at first, the finale had both poetic grace and suitably fleet fingerwork.

The **Demian String Quintet** from Holland enterprisingly chose Bruckner's Quintet (1879) as their main offering. Maybe the work does have awkward moments, and perhaps episodes are more orchestrally conceived, but these reservations were soon forgotten because the ensemble played with enormous dedication and spontaneity.

One was taken into an Elysian sound-world where life's pace was unhurried and carefree. The corporate tone was highly refined, though it was the leader and first viola who contributed much to the success. The Adagio did not sound *molto* "religioso" and the Scherzo had a colour reminiscent of Dvořák.

The Australian soprano **Joy Mammen**, now a professor at the Royal Academy of Music, is a highly experienced artist with a voice of undeniable range. Guitar accompaniments were fitting for most of her recital, but when it came to Schubert Lieder a different type of support was needed, though a hauntingly lovely version of "Wehmut" emerged as the pearl in the programme.

Much else was attractively done, but enunciation was frequently poor, and this lessened the impact of an otherwise delightful performance of an odd suite by Dominick Argento that features musical settings of letters from such composers as Bach and Puccini.

Despite its efficiency and excellent intonation, the **Esterhazy Wind Ensemble** presented little music that could be described as aesthetically stimulating. The main work was Krommer's Octet-Partita, Op 57, and, although the composer was adept at this sort of writing, he was no Mozart. The group was enterprising in giving the première of Julian Grant's new Octet, but jaunty and fragmentary ideas are not the stuff that memorable music is made of. Beethoven's Rondino in E flat was the high-point; here the unconventional scoring provided just those ear-catching sonorities that were absent in the Krommer.

James Methuen-Campbell

Concerts

Piquant perversity

ECO/Knussen
Snape Maltings

This was a very Aldeburgh occasion, a recital by old friends from the English Chamber Orchestra, made piquant by the perversity of programming only works for awkward ensembles.

Mozart was responsible for the oddities at either end of the evening: as model for Beethoven's Quintet for piano and wind, and as composer of the "Musical Glasses" Quintet where four quite proper instruments have to provide a foil for the song and dance executed by the seraphic soloist (here as usual playing the more controllable celesta). With Roussel's tart Trio for flute, violin and cello in the filling, the new piece by Colin Matthews that joined it there was perhaps wisely composed in milder, smoother flavours.

Night's Mask is probably not going to number among the three-star works of this relentlessly inventive composer, but Matthews typically lavishes a wealth of active musical thought on what could have been merely a luscious soprano song with pretty support from a mixed septet.

That much the piece is still: there is something Bergian in the way Matthews writes immense arching lines that fit the human voice to perfection, though doubtless that impression would not have been so powerful without the hugely accomplished and entirely delectable singing of Patrizia Kwella, a siren of cool purity and allure.

Beneath and around the vocal line the instrumental music is always on the go, and aiming to take the work off into faster speeds than the voice will allow (it succeeds for two interludes). Much of the material resolves into ascending or descending scales, but with a logic of harmony, a liveness of rhythm and a delightfulness of scoring that far outdistance one's expectations.

The poem is a sonnet in English by the Portuguese writer Fernando Pessoa, a nocturnal meditation that asks why we should prefer being to nothingness, particularity to the all. I suppose Matthews's music, in its exuberant being and its close attention to particularities of motif and colour, is not only a setting but an answer.

Oliver Knussen made his first festival appearance to conduct a stimulating première, and then handed over to one of his numerous colleagues amongst the artistic directors, Murray Perahia, to take the lead in the Beethoven Quintet, which became not unsuitably a dialogue of the dreamer and four gentlemen.

Paul Griffiths

Milstein/Pludermacher
Festival Hall

It is extraordinary enough that Nathan Milstein, nearing the age of eighty, can even attempt a recital as challenging as that he gave with his accompanist Georges Pludermacher on Monday. But that the result of his labours should be so pulsating with musicianship is something scarcely credible.

True, he may not now have charge of fingers as flexible as of old, and neither does his bowing arm produce a consistently beautiful sound; but his insight into what he plays is unaffected by the ravages of age.

Significantly, he chose an optimistic work of Beethoven, the Violin Sonata in G, Op 30 No 3, written in 1802, the year of the Heiligenstadt Testment. Here, despite the growing desperation caused by the onset of deafness, Beethoven shuns self-indulgence with defiantly happy music. Likewise Milstein, who obviously these days needs a little time to loosen his muscles, attacked the rollicking first movement with conspicuous lack of caution, and went on to scamper through the equally infectious finale like an over-excited child.

The central minuet, despite its title a movement of great warmth, was meanwhile sustained luxuriantly, but never at the expense of momentum, for which the always astute Mr Pludermacher must share equal credit.

If Beethoven inspired playing of winning naivety, Bach's C major unaccompanied Violin Sonata drew from Milstein playing of impressive grandeur and depth.

It did not matter that the opening Adagio was often thin-toned and poorly tuned. More importantly, it was also both thoughtfully and confidently done. And, although Milstien's way with Bach is of a now old-fashioned school, he built the fugue with wholly admirable control to a formidable climax, memories of which inevitably dominated the succeeding, slighter movements.

There could be no quibbles over matters of style in Milstein's performance of Franck's Violin Sonata, however. He captured the work's flavour, delicately balanced between polite, sometimes academic sobriety and unbridled passion, with matchless elegance; obviously his relationship half a century ago with the work's first soloist, Eugene Ysäye, bore rich fruits, as still does that with Mr Pludermacher.

Stephen Pettitt

THE TIMES DIARY

Brickbats at Pratt's

Snobbish members of Pratt's who have blackballed Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine and the Energy Secretary, Peter Walker, are being asked to resign by the club "master," the Duke of Devonshire. The Duke, who owns and runs the club – like a "transport cafe for the upper classes", I am told – is said to be incensed after personally proposing them. One member confides that the black-ballers have explained their snub in "wounding and virtually unprintable" detail in the members' book. At the risk of a libel suit, I dare only repeat two words allegedly contained in the book: "little" and "vulgar".

Meanwhile as the likes of Lord Hailsham, Lord Home, Roy Jenkins and the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, tuck into their spotted dick and treacle pud, I shudder to think of the revenge being hatched by our defence and energy men. I just hope Pratt's is insured.

● **Publicity for the "outstanding romantic thriller" written by the *Daily Mirror's* editor in the publisher's catalogue gives the following priority to his journalistic responsibilities: "Michael Malloy is a regular contributor to *Punch* and for the last nine years has been Editor of the *Daily Mirror*."**

Tails of 1984

It is harder to hire a rat than Richard Burton. Simon Perry, producer of the forthcoming film *Nineteen Eighty Four*, in which Burton plays the interrogator, tells me he was forced to sack his string of purpose-trained fearsome rats because "all they did was lick each other, cuddle up and fall asleep under the arc lights." A rat-handler was swiftly recruited, and dispatched down London's drains to audition genuine sewer rats, and two have now been found which amply restore rat-like reputations. Unlike Burton, they are not being offered accommodation in the Dorchester during filming.

Hanging offence

Last week I expressed astonishment over the GLC's offer to promote the works of South African-born artist Lettie Bosman at the Festival Hall from next Sunday, and went on:

> She may find the hanging space already filled. When I telephoned the GLC's arts chairman, Peter Pitt, he was frantic. "I didn't know about this. I'll look into it immediately."

My assumption proved correct. Bosman tells me that on the day of publication, the GLC rang to cancel her space, offering instead an alternative slot where, she says, "the public rarely venture". So what is to be exhibited in the space which she booked over a year ago? An anti-apartheid exhibition.

Backlash

Tory whips were thumbing through *Debrett* and phoning peers they had never seen in their determination to win Monday night's vote in the Lords on scrapping next year's GLC election. Liberals and Labour did the same in an effort to defeat the bill, but to the Liberals' intense embarrassment, one of their number, Lord De Ramsey, voted with the Government. Not having appeared in the Lords for years, he happily agreed to his whip's request that he turn up, but only because he wanted the opportunity to vote against Ken Livingstone.

Loan ranger

"Eyes still closed, she smiled as his finger tips traced the swelling of her breasts over the top of her brassiere and then . . ." An extract from Harold Robbins? No, I quote from *Margot* an "epic novel of love and war" published by Weidenfeld this September. The manuscript was signed simply "Julian Grenfell", but the author is actually Old Etonian Lord Julian Pascoe Francis St Leger Grenfell, the World Bank's special representative to the UN. "I find writing rather relaxing," he said yesterday. So relaxing that he walked into an economic conference in Geneva one morning with the fruits of his night's work instead of his briefing papers and spent the next few hours desperately ad libbing.

● **A north London reader is torn between boycotting the European election because he is anti-EEC and voting to register his disapproval of Mrs Thatcher. He would like to hear from a Tory voter who shares his views on Europe to arrange a "pair" so they can both stay away.**

Well primed

Rhona Prime, wife of Cheltenham spy Geoffrey Prime, tells "the dramatic inside story" of the scandal in a book due out this autumn. She reveals how, while Prime was in custody on child sex charges, she discovered microfilm in his wallet. "If you can put me away for life, Rhona, go and do it," Prime said when she visited him in police custody – and she did after finding a brown paper bag under the bed: "Envelopes came spilling out . . . they were all addressed to East Berlin." After the trial, she turned down newspaper offers of up to £100,000 to sell her story. Mrs Prime claims she was prompted to write the book, *Time for Trial*, by God. Her Christian literary agent, she says, was dubious, but, "God was giving me a little nudge and soon I was being introduced to an editor at Hodder and Stoughton." Presumably this accounts for her tome being in the publisher's religious books section.

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Defence: the battles already lost

by Bryan Gould

Mrs Thatcher's government, despite its carefully cultivated image of giving top priority to our national defence, has presided over the greatest run-down in defence capability this century. As our basic manufacturing industry is decimated, as more and more of what is left becomes entirely dependent on imported components, so our ability to fight a protracted conventional war has been gravely weakened. It is this which makes our growing dependence on nuclear weapons (largely under foreign control) both inevitable and dangerous. The nuclear threat is rapidly becoming the one shot left in our locker.

The closure of BL's Bathgate heavy truck division is the latest blow struck at our conventional war capability. With the closure goes the country's last major truck-production capacity. Where, in future, is the heavy transport for our armed forces to come from? How are we to fight a conventional war if we no longer have the ability to manufacture the trucks which would be needed to transport men and munitions?

This loss is just one aspect of a much wider, and worrying, development. Yet the Prime Minister and her goverment have responded to questions on the subject with breathtaking complacency.

In a written answer to me on this very point, the Prime Minister said that she did not contemplate fighting a conventional war "in isolation from our Nato allies". But what happens if, as is not entirely unprecedented, our Nato allies are overrun? What happens if the imported supplies on which we have become dependent are cut off?

We now face a situation where, for example, Vauxhall's assembly line grinds to a halt because a strike by German metalworkers cuts off essential components. What is true of Vauxhall is also true of large parts of British industry.

We were able to fight and win the Second World War because our industrial strength through the 1930s had grown in relation to other European powers. The position is very different today.

Not only is our vehicle industry only a shadow of its former strength; our shipbuilding industry has shrunk to only one-third of its size, so that we can no longer build the shipping needed to maintain our supplies. Our steel industry has been halved in size over the last 20 years. Our foundry capacity is shrinking rapidly, so that we would no longer be able to undertake the heavy casting needed to manufacture heavy armaments.

The same argument applies to our energy resources. No one should suppose for a moment that North Sea oil installations and pipelines could be defended in the course of a conventional war.

Armour-piercing bombs would pose such a threat to nuclear power stations as to render them inoperable because of the risk of radiation. We should then rue the day we closed down pits which could have met our energy requirements in time of war.

Mrs Thatcher's high unemployment policy also has defence significance. In 1939, the young men who were called up had been at work for some years. They had some skills, training and work experience. They had a stake in a country which they knew needed them.

Today, the young people who would be expected to fight have been thrown on the scrapheap. They have been told, implicitly, that they are surplus to requirements. With no work experience, they could not be expected to take readily to the discipline of fighting to defend their country.

The Government has proceeded with a blithe lack of concern for these worrying consequences of its industrial policies. Most ministers seem to believe that it matters little whether manufacturing industry survives or not. Yet industry itself is under no such illusions. One of the clearest warnings, for those who cared to listen, was given by Ford of Europe in its evidence to the Treasury Select Committee in 1982. In its memorandum the company said: "The last aspect of allowing national basic industry to abandon the marketplace is that a country will lose the ability to equip itself for national defence. The industries most vulnerable to international competition . . . are the ones critical to national defence."

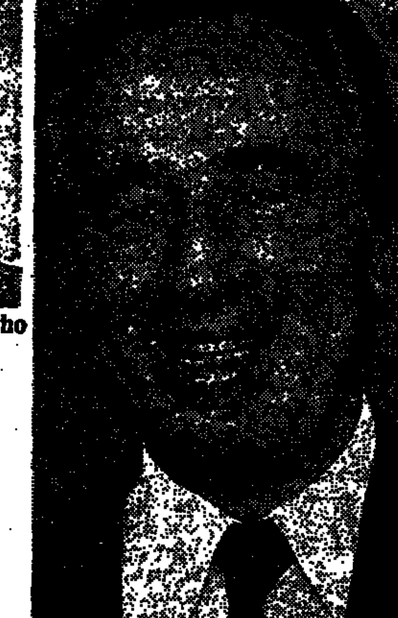
It is no answer to say that conventional warfare is no longer very likely. It is in the nature of war that it can come unexpectedly. It is a cruel irony that a government presided over by the Iron Lady should so gravely have weakened our defence capability and so dangerously increased our dependence on nuclear weapons.

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Christopher Walker reports on the run-up to the Israeli election







Contenders Shamir (left) and Peres (right) – and (above) two who could help tip the balance: Begin and Eitan

Peres by a mile – but the pollsters hedge their bets

Jerusalem

No Israeli general election has been as unpredictable or attracted such international interest as that taking place on July 23.

The campaign to return 120 members to the 11th Knesset (parliament) is about to begin in earnest after weeks of unseemly political in-fighting on the right and an uncharacteristic display of harmony on the left. Given the electoral system, and the lessons of the past, about the only certainty at this stage is that the next government – like the present Likud administration led by Yitzhak Shamir – is likely be be a coalition with some of the smaller parties exercising disproportionate power as the price of their support.

A recent plethora of opinion polls (polling, with archaeology, is a national obsession) show that Labour, led by Shimon Peres, the uncharismatic loser of both the 1977 and 1981 elections, has a lead of about 13 per cent.

But too much should not be read into that. Even the pollsters have noted a widespread scepticism about their findings. Hanuch Smith, the doyen of the breed by virtue of his election-night television performances, said: "Every day, people come up to me in the street and warn me not to buy the findings about Labour's early lead. They all seem to remember that we have been here before."

He was referring to the remarkable turn-round before the vote in June 1981, when the Likud coalition, then under Menachem Begin, was able to demonstrate the advantages of fighting from a position of power. In the previous February Labour had a 30 per cent lead, but by May this had been whittled away, thanks mainly to the give-away policies of Yoram Aridor, the new finance minister, who began slashing taxes on luxury consumer durables. Then came the spectacular air attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor. The two actions effectively expunged the public's deep discontent with the country's first right-wing administration.

Although Mr Aridor has been cast aside in favour of the more cautious Yigal Cohen-Orgad, and the economic situation has grown graver – inflation is now running at 400 per cent and in May, alone, the cost of living rose by 20.6 per cent – some fear that a new round of election economics may be gathering momentum. They note recent pay rises for professional soldiers and 20,000 civil servants, the raising of the tax threshold, an increase in subsidies on essential goods, and a mysterious slow-down in the rate of devaluation of the shekel.

The universal scepticism with which the opinion polls are being treated is the more revealing because it comes when surface logic would reinforce predictions of an easy Labour win. Apart from the disastrous economic statistics, the swing of the pendulum is working against a government that has been in power for seven years, during which time it has embroiled Israel in the divisive war in Lebanon. The outcome of the war remains unresolved while the death toll rises inexorably towards the 600 mark and injuries outnumber those suffered in the 1967 war.

But other, more complex factors are at work, as a close perusal of the polls will show. Although Labour went ahead only after the collapse of Israeli bank shares, a devaluation and the start of the economic retrenchment programme last October, only 10 per cent of those questioned recently said their vote would be determined by the parties' policies on economic and social issues. The Likud hopes to swamp disapproval of its dismal economic record by raising public concern about Labour's intentions towards the occupied West Bank, playing up expressions of hope for a Labour win already voiced by Arab figures such as King Husain of Jordan. Mr Shamir has said that a Labour victory would prompt "a festival of withdrawals".

As the scurrilous, but often tellingly accurate left-wing magazine *Haolem Hazen* reported last month, some of Labour's own private polls indicate a neck-and-neck contest with Likud, which, in recent weeks has been struggling to put its house in order before facing the electorate without Mr Begin's towering political presence. One of the most unpredictable factors remains whether Likud campaign managers will eventually succeed in persuading the ailing, 70-year-old Begin to break months of virtual silence and agree to record what could be a crucial election broadcast from his Jerusalem home, where he now lives as a virtual recluse.

Another factor complicating what might otherwise be a confident prediction of a Labour win is the changing demographic face of the electorate and the changing voting habits of the Sephardic community (Jews of Middle Eastern, or north African origin) who, by the next decade, will outnumber those of Ashkenazi, or European, descent. At the last election, [illegible] per cent of Sephardic voters supported the hard-line Likud, approving its tough attitude to the Arab world as opposed to Labour's more conciliatory approach. Any who desert Likud would probably turn further to the right, to the Techiya Party, a natural coalition partner for Mr Shamir.

Israeli liberals are disturbed by the remarkable upsurge of support for Techiya among high school children, encouraged by the scores of classroom meetings addressed by its newest and best-known recruit, reserve general "Raful" Eitan, the former chief of staff, who is noted for his uncompromising approach to the Arab question.

"There is a predominant sentiment for settling complex problems by force alone," said Labour's chief campaign manager, reserve general Motta Gur (also an ex-chief of staff), after a recent meeting in a Tel Aviv high school at which he was constantly heckled. "What should worry both parties are the words of one youngster at that debate: 'We are fed up with both of you. We want something new'."

His concern reflected that voiced earlier by many Israelis which showed that 32 per cent of Israel's Jews would like to see the present political system replaced "by a strong regime of leaders who will not be dependent on political parties," while another 16 per cent were indifferent.

It is this mood of growing disenchantment with a political system increasingly dependent on blatant blackmail by minority parties with which the next government, whatever its complexion, will have to deal.

The burn-up that could beat star wars

On Sunday a Minuteman missile carrying a dummy warhead was launched from the Vandenberg air force base near Los Angeles. Some minutes later a smaller rocket was launched from Kwajelein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, 4,200 miles to the south-west. As the first missile arced over the Pacific, the second closed on it using infra-red sensors and an on-board computer. Before they collided, the interceptor deployed a metal framework loaded with metal weights rather like an umbrella without a skin. The impact, at 22,000 feet per second, destroyed both.

This test, the first success in four attempts, is part of the "star wars" initiative announced by President Reagan in March last year. The concept is that of a defence system of several components designed to destroy incoming nuclear missiles before they can reach the United States. Sunday's test was the first demonstration of the interception of a missile outside the earth's atmosphere and complements the first tests of an anti-satellite rocket launched from an F15 fighter in January.

Very little is known about the latest test, let alone about the previous three. The details remain highly secret, but the US government is presumably keen to use what information it can reveal to help buttress public support for these controversial new developments.

The star wars initiative is more than just a low-tech destruction of satellites and missiles by impact. It envisages developing an entirely new generation of weapons designed to intercept nuclear missiles. These include laser beams and charged particle weapons to be used from stations on earth or in space in conjunction with interceptor-missiles.



But a recent report from the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) in Washington has severely criticized the feasibility of such weapons. Indeed, the report motivated the head of the star wars initiative, James Abrahamson, to claim that the OTA report contained "technical errors, unsubstantiated assumptions and conclusions that are inconsistent with the body of the report". The OTA report says that "the prospect of a near-perfect defence against nuclear missiles is so remote that it should not form the basis of public policy".

In particular it says the development of fast-burn missiles may thwart a star wars defence. It is important to intercept missiles in their boost phase as their exhaust plume is easier to detect and before they can release multiple warheads. But fast-burn rockets are vulnerable for a shorter time than conventional missiles and the atmosphere would help shield them from any futuristic laser or particle beam weapon. The OTA has even gone so far as to say that the deployment of fast-burn missiles could be a "potent, even decisive" counter-measure against laser weapons.

The OTA and the US Defence Department also disagree on how well laser and particle beams (atomic particles blasted through space) could perform as star-wars weapons. Abrahamson believes progress in the field shows that a modest deployment of beam weapons could negate most nuclear missile threats. But scientists outside the US defence network have expressed serious doubts

One proposal for a star wars system calls for a large laser on a mountain top, aiming its beam through the atmosphere to an orbiting mirror that would relay the beam to another mirror satellite, or to the target. Its big advantage would be that it would obviate the need to launch the bulky laser and its fuel into orbit. An alternative would be a "top-up" system, under which the hardware needed in space would be kept poised for launch, and so avoid placing strategic hardware into orbit, where it would be vulnerable to attack. But there are fears that it could not be put into space quickly enough.

Another such weapon would be the X-ray laser. In the past Washington has been very nervous of this weapon, and only fairly recently would government officials even use the words X-ray laser in public. The problem with this device is that, if it could ever be built, it would use nuclear bombs as its energy source.

Sunday's test demonstrates the low-technology aspect of a star wars defence, and brings to the US the capability to intercept incoming missiles with a non-nuclear warhead – the Russians have had the ability to intercept incoming missiles with a nuclear bomb for some eight years. The next stage in the star wars plan, however, will prove much more difficult.

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How the duns could undo us all

So now we know. As a result of last week's summit declaration we can definitely state that the leaders of the seven major western powers support democracy.

We also know that the same seven leaders – or at any rate a majority of them – have not yet noticed the swollen tide of Third World debt. We can say this with confidence as the measures they announced in relationship to the debt crisis are of a purely cosmetic nature. Mrs Thatcher even contrived to miss out the debt section when she read her impromptu précis of the final communiqué.

Perhaps we should not be surprised at such little progress at a summit hosted by a government which has consistently deflected anxieties about Third World debt with a carapace of complacency. Only last year it appointed a new governor to the Bank of England who announced that the debt crisis, "if it ever existed", was now over. The next day Brazil revealed that it was deferring its debt service payments for the rest of the year.

The debt crisis is patently not over. The various statistics by which it has been measured read like some financial supplement to the *Guinness Book of Records*. Some countries now owe the equivalent of five years earnings from all exports. Brazil, Mexico and Argentina are in theory due to pay more in debt service than they earn from exports. When Mexico first announced that it could not meet existing obligations its authorities revealed that they had enough reserves to pay for 12 minutes worth of imports.

These alarming figures chronicled the international impact of the monetarists' fetishism which has had such a dire effect on our own domestic industry. Between 1975 and 1979, the period when Arab deposits were being recycled by the banks to the rest of the Third World, the ratio of Third World debt to export rose from 37 per cent to 50 per cent, which remained manageable if onerous. The mistake those banks and borrowers made was to assume that the industrial powers would continue to manage their economies rationally.

The advent of monetarist administrations in Britain in 1979 and the United States in 1980 falsified that assumption and exposed debtors to repayment of loans at record interest rates of which they had not dreamt at the time of contracting the debt. Between 1979 and 1982, the ratio of Third World debt to exports rose from 50 per cent to a crippling 75 per cent.

The response of the financial establishment, reiterated in the summit communiqué, has been to insist on the specific application to Third World countries of the same monetarist prescriptions as have debilitated the industrialized world. Routinely, the IMF has been sent in to insist on a policies of domestic reflation in the hope of generating an external surplus.

There are two problems with this response. The first is what it does to the debtor nations. In the past couple of years, Mexico and Brazil have experienced a drop in their standard of living of more than 10 per cent. In the shanty-towns that squat around their cities that drop means hunger, high illiteracy and a greater incidence of disease among children weakened by malnutrition.

It is a matter of profound moral as well as financial interest that countries with such pressing social problems should have been obliged in recent years to make a nett transfer of capital to the advanced states. Even if we leave morality out of the ledger and confine the accounts to matters of the strictest financial calculation, there must remain grave doubt about the propriety of the western banks wringing a profit from rescheduling what are effectively bad debts.

The other problem with the monetarist response is what it does to the creditor nations. If the Third World nations are to discharge their mountain of debt it will be necessary for them to achieve a substantial surplus of exports over imports which can only be done at the expense of the surplus of exports over imports which *we* at present enjoy in our trade with them. To put it another way, our banks can only get their money quickly by destroying the markets of our industry. It is estimated that in the US 150,000 jobs have already been lost as a result of the contraction of the Brazilian economy under the instructions of the IMF.

The most disturbing feature of the debt crisis is that it has halted the advance of those very nations of the Third World which had shown promise of breaking out of a subsistence economy and achieving industrial growth. If the international community cannot handle the financial dimension to the emergence of the newly industrialized countries, what hope can it offer the much larger number of nations who lag behind them?

Possibly, the US Administration might take a more enlightened view of the debt crisis if it was reminded that America also experienced a chronic deficit on its external account throughout decades of development as a young country dependent on external capital. But then there was no IMF around in those days to inhibit growth by a dose of the new financial orthodoxy

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Clear away those welfare blocs

"We're having a thorough look at the whole of the welfare state", the Prime Minister told George Gale in a recent interview. If indeed the look is thorough – Mrs Thatcher was at pains to stress that her eyesight is now excellent – and that "look" results in a programme of reform, what chance has it of being implemented? Is the climate of opinion ready for reform of the welfare state?

A university, not long ago, arranged a conference on the welfare state and invited various social policy specialists to put diverse points of view. The organizers had no difficulty listing possible speakers to explain Marxist proposals for change, nor any finding a representative of the view which would make welfare a local participatory "community" service. They even found a free marketeer to argue for privatization or charging for health and education and the reduction of cash benefits to a minimum. What they could not find was anyone prepared to defend the present system.

Intellectual support for the current welfare state has plummeted in the last five years. Social security reform is high fashion: no self-respecting policy unit or political party would be seen without a proposal for reform, the more radical the better. Of course their concerns vary; some wish to provide stronger incentives for work; some to take low earners out of income tax; some to see that all claimants receive their benefits; some to reduce reliance on the state; some to prune enormous administrative costs. But all want change.

The new consensus for change is also noticeable in health. It is now widely admitted that the level of British expenditure on health, having fallen behind other similar countries, conflicts with people's rising expectations of health care. Naturally there is disagreement about whether extra expenditure should come from higher government spending, reallocation of some priorities within the NHS or the encouragement of private health; but, once again, the consensus is for change. So too in housing: few would now support extensive council housing without qualification. That is not to say there is agreement across the political divide but that, in this case, the left has recognized the need for *new* socialist policies.

It is true that the great and uncontrolled "experiment" in making all schools comprehensive still attracts uncritical, indeed fanatical, devotion. Even there, the scandal that large numbers of young people leave after 15,000 hours of compulsory schooling with no qualifications and uncertain employment prospects poses a problem for the complacent of all persuasions. And again it is difficult, given the current enthusiasm for "information", to envisage anyone advocating a return to the days, before the 1980 Education Act, when parents were denied the information necessary to choose a school.

If the intellectuals are for change, the man in the street is not against it. Surveys of attitudes to the welfare state offer little comfort to ideologues of any persuasion. The man in the street appears tolerant, pragmatic and even quixotic. He "supports" the system, especially when – or because – he is not told the cost, but is happy for others to use private education and health and increasingly does so himself. He is sceptical about high-spending social security. However, he experiences welfare not primarily as a tax cost, unless he is a small businessman-ratepayer or lives in one of the socialist republics, but as a consumer.

The ordinary person will not be impressed just by reductions in public expenditure and very slightly reduced taxes. He wants better health and education. He shares this concern with the intellectuals. They, whether right or left, are worried that the current social security review may be *only* a cost-cutting or waste-saving exercise, important as that may be. They want radical reform of the benefit system.

The obstacles to reform are, obviously, the employees of the current welfare state who have a vested interest in conserving the present system, preferably with higher public expenditure and less accountability. Change will not only disconcert them; it will disconcert them more than it pleases its beneficiaries, for the costs of change are concentrated while the benefits are thinly spread. A less obvious but just as serious obstacle are certain Conservatives in local or central government. Some enjoy paternalism; others are trapped into buying the votes of the welfare-producer lobbies or the many consumers of welfare who pay no rates.

If reforms are piecemeal, they will be picked off one at a time by the lobbies. Success will depend on carefully packaging proposals for change in order to divide, buy off and manipulate the lobbies, and on out-manoeuvring their deployment of rhetoric about "vicious cuts to essential services", shroud-waving in the case of the health service and "the needs of our children" in the case of schools and personal social services. Lastly, much of the welfare state is a statutory service: change would require considerable repeal of laws.

That all adds up to hard work. But then the Prime Minister approves of hard work, and the eventual prize could be not only better welfare but thankful voters.

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STAR WARS

Frederick the Great once warned his generals that he who would preserve everything, preserves nothing. "Therefore always sacrifice the bagatelle and pursue the essential", he said. In the business of security it is defence which is essential and self-defence one of nature's oldest laws. The bagatelle is the idea, born of the missile age, that since there can be no totally effective defence there should be no defence at all. Thus since the development of missiles, Western strategy has relied predominantly on a theory of deterrence which assumes that any attack can only be prevented by the threat of retaliation. The idea of partial defence – less than perfect, but surely useful – has been in eclipse.

Since the 1972 United States/Soviet treaty to ban the construction of anti-missile defences, therefore, the East/West balance of power has been based on the appropriately named acronym MAD, standing for "mutual assured destruction". Its theory was that, since neither side had an effective defence against missile attack, but both had to rely on the threat of retaliatory forces, they would be mutually deterred from launching an attack.

The Star Wars system strikes at the very heart of that philosophy. It was initially ventilated by President Reagan in March last year. It has now advanced to the point of a first successful missile intercept in space carried out this week in the Pacific. Congressional opinion is worried about the cost, yet 86 per cent of Americans support the idea and 73 per cent say that costs should not be a primary factor. The British and French are uneasy because they feel that a new round of defensive technology would destroy the ability of their smaller nuclear forces to get through, and thus invalidate their deterrent power.

These misgivings are misplaced since they assume that the strategic balance has remained stable since 1972. The opponents of a decision to acquire a new and more effective defensive technology argue that the United States would by so doing destroy that balance. In fact, in spite of the 1972 agreement, the Soviet Union has persisted with an active research and development programme into anti-missile defences. The provisions of the treaty could be lifted by either party but only one – the Soviet Union – woud be in a position to follow that with some early deployment.

At least the Soviet Union's attitude to defence has been consistent. It has never embraced the theory that one can ignore defence and rely solely on retaliation. As Mr. Gromyko said to the United Nations as long ago as 1962, a policy of MAD would be tantamount to keeping the world in a permanent state of feverish tension and eve-of-war hysteria. When we see how effectively the peace movements have exploited the European public's unease about deterrent theory, and observe the Soviet Union's role in orchestrating some of that unease, Mr Gromyko's words are worth recalling.

The Soviet Union is now naturally worried about the consequences of a burst in American spending on missile defence. It casts doubt on Soviet plans for offensive systems since the possibility of any missile defence – even an incomplete one – would radically alter the cost calculation of offensive systems. In the long run a defensive programme would enhance arms control by reducing the potential gains from building offensive weapons. There would be a further advantage from a space-based system of missile defence, also connected with arms control. The protection provided for intelligence and communications satellites, which are now so crucial to the prevention of sudden and unpredictable strategic movements, would be considerably improved.

Unfortunately the presentation of these ideas has been badly handled in Washington. The President's opening speech in March 1983 was not preceded by any research and was not followed up by any active programme. Washington had to wait for two studies on technical feasibility and strategic advisability which endorsed the idea only this March. The Chiefs of Staff advised Mr Reagan not to make the speech. Like all military men they and their subordinates prefer offensive systems which require less research and development for more obvious gain in the front line. Moreover as research into offensive systems normally has to precede defensive ones, the military machine has first call on development and is in a better position to demand deployment as soon as an offensive system is developed.

For all these reasons the Star Wars programme has attracted unfavourable publicity which does no justice to the basic defensive principle it endorses. It is ironic and paradoxical that the age of deterrence has so confused the strategic mentality of many commentators that their reaction to a purely defensive system is to suggest that it increases the danger.

THE TEACHERS' TRAP

According to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy current spending by local authorities is now some £850m in excess of White Paper plans for 1984-85. The figure is an understatement. The true discrepancy between council outlays and the Government's targets totals over £2 billion, the amount by which plans have twice been re-written since 1982 to accommodate the over-shoot; the signs are that another re-write is in progress.

The arithmetic of this consistent "overspending" and this persistent crisis of financial control must form the backdrop to the local authority pay round now unfolding. These are sums which no arbitrator can alter however keenly he splits differences. The fact is that a pay rise for teachers of about 4.5 per cent is provided for in council budgets that are themselves 4 per cent in excess of the official baseline (which implied a pay rise of only 3 per cent). Teachers can be given 4.5 per cent at existing rates of over-spending. Any more comes either from compensating savings within council budgets – school books, dinner ladies or the pending clerical workers' pay rise? – or some further dissociation of government strategy and local financial reality.

In asking for arbitration "without strings" the teachers' unions shrug their shoulders over both the fate of ratepayers and their colleagues within local government. A national award over 4.5 per cent would, in certain districts, push council spending across the trip wire which triggers reductions in government grant: the cost of the award could then double. By the time such an award were made (autumn?) treasurers would have only a limited number of items of discretionary spending. Cuts would fall, as they appear consistently to have done in some areas, on school books, paper and pencils and those coats of paint which – as Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools recently pointed out – are badly missed on many school doors; part-time teachers would also bear the brunt of the necessary savings.

This would be unfair. It would be inequitable that, once again, full-time teacher jobs were the last resort in the treasurers' search for economies; unjust that national pay awards above the norm bear especially hard on those authorities (the shire counties, certain London boroughs) which balance their books on the official guidelines; inefficient that instead of a rational assignment of teaching responsibilites and costs at the commencement of the school year education budgets would have to be plundered midway through the cycle of tuition and examination preparation.

Desiring both money and jobs, teachers' representatives conjure a scene in which Sir Keith Joseph – following a Wilsonian precedent from 1974-75 – rushes in and pays for the extra award from central funds. In a variant of this he exempts from penalties councils forced across the trip wire. But this is tantamount to the government deliberately increasing the amount of council over spending – a sure recipe for chaos at the very moment when the Environment Department and the Treasury are agreeing on spending levels for 1985-86.

Instead, if the legitimate anxiety of the local education authorities to see the end of disruption and the schools functioning properly lands them with an arbitration award costing more than budgets provide, Sir Keith and the local managers of the education system must immediately begin preparation for 1985. If next year there have to be compulsory teacher redundancies to secure necessary cost reductions, let them be properly planned. The talks under way on restructuring the teaching profession to improve the career path and, negatively, check the progress of poor performers should be hastened. Surely no future teacher pay round should be allowed to get under way without issues of teacher numbers and quality being placed at the top of the agenda.

BEWARE: WHIPS AT WORK

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, would have made a first rate university teacher. Last week, at a Policy Studies Institute seminar called to ponder the role and future of the 14 Commons select committees founded in 1979, to monitor Whitehall departments, he stimulated, with only a few ironic words, a bout of self-examination on the part of select committee members present. For example, one MP captured brilliantly the difference between sitting on the 118-year-old Public Accounts Committee, with its formidable support system recently re-named the National Audit Office, and serving on one of the five-year-old departmental watchdogs with a tiny staff of advisers. "The PAC is more like working on a professional body. The others are more like working in a pressure group."

In recent months there has been a flood of assessments of the new committees and their impact by practitioners and scholars alike. Mr Norman St John Stevas, in his memoirs, *The Two Cities*, disclosed his strategy as Leader of the House for getting his constitutional reform through the new Thatcher Cabinet in June 1979. With care, he lined up Lord Whitelaw and Lord Hailsham on his side. The latter's price was a deal whereby the Lord Chancellor's Department would be exempt from select committee investigations. Mr St John Stevas thought then that the new committees would be the greatest Parliamentary reform of the century, and he still does.

Yet the weightiest academic survey to date, published by the politics department of Strathclyde University (*Parliamentary Select Committees in Action* edited by Dylis Hill; Strathclyde Papers on Government and Politics, No 24) shows how patchy has been the performance of individual committees. The study has a generally sceptical tone. In a cruel aside, Mr Gavin Drewry of Bedford College, London, reckons on the Mercalli Scale for Earthquakes, the impact of the committees has been on the range of I and V, "just detectable by experienced observers when prone" to "felt by almost all. Many awakened. Unstable objects moved".

This flurry of assessment of the committees' performance, the most recent of which is *Commons Select Committees. Catalyst for progress?* (Published by the Industry and Parliament Trust) should not distract attention from the chemistry of the legislature – academic relationships which is in a state of flux, as became clear at the PSI seminar. Mr Biffen, with customary candour, said the committees had become such an important part of parliamentary life that it was inevitable that the party whips should try and influence the choice of members. Since, in theory, this is the prerogative of the Commons Committee of Selection, itself a purely backbench body, his words naturally set off a miniature controversy which ought to command a wider public interest than that of machinery-of-government experts.

These committees are a potentially important tool of parliamentary accountability and there is, as one seasoned figure put it, all to play for in the tussle between the whips and the Committee of Selection. The government has managed to foist a few trusted Members on to unwilling committees, and it has had some of its place-men rejected. It was, therefore, healthy as well as honest for Mr Biffen to have spoken as he did at the PSI. For he alerted the opponents of front bench patronage.

It would be a pity if Mr St John Stevas's reform and five years of solid achievement by the nascent select committees were progressively squandered as their world became colonised, bit by bit, by the district commissioners of the whip's office. The backbench spirit should assert itself at Westminster, first to thwart the whips and then to achieve a higher rate on the Mercalli scale.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Demonstrations of strain in society

From Mr C. H. F. Blake

Sir, Last week there were, on successive days, demonstrations on picket lines, a huge demonstration by anti-nuclear campaigners, a demonstration by thousands of Sikhs against the government of their original homeland, a demonstration against President Reagan, and what appeared to be the storming of Parliament by some miners.

With the notable exception of the Sikh march, these events were accompanied by varying degrees of violence.

For how much longer can this free country withstand such strains? Will our incomparable police always be able to keep their integrity in the face of provocation on such a scale? Freedom is a precious thing never to be taken for granted. In some two thirds of the earth's surface it does not exist at all.

These things surely threaten the whole fabric of our way of life. They are as dangerous as spies, informers and people who break their trust.

It is time that the majority of free men and women spoke up against a minority of people who abuse their privilege of living in a free country.

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Prince and architects

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Sir, It may be some consolation to those who share the Prince of Wales's dissatisfaction with the present state of architecture to be reminded that among the ancient Romans, who knew good building when they saw it, the poet Martial ended a poem advising a father on possible choices of careers for his son with the words (V 56, end; written in AD89):

... si duri puer ingeni videtur,
praeconem facias vel architectum.

In English: "If your boy seems to have the brain of a blockhead, you should make him into an auctioneer or an architect".

Thus readers may ruefully reflect that if, on this showing, men of quite modest intellectual calibre could put up buildings such as the Pantheon or the Colosseum to command the admiration of subsequent ages, the abilities of those who have burdened the earth with modern monstrosities to earn the contempt of posterity must verge on the negligible.

Yet all may not be lost: back to Vitruvius. His Latin may be homely, but he knew a lot about architecture.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN G. GRIFFITH,
Jesus College,
Oxford.
June 2.

From Mr Julian David

Sir, The Prince of Wales is intuitively right. In asking for "those curves and arches that express feeling in design" (*The Times*, May 31) he protests at the unbending intellectuality of post-war architecture.

His point is of fundamental importance not only for architecture and urban planning, but for sociology in general. In these matters it becomes catastrophic to rely on thinking alone. We also have feeling; and, as Jung would add, sensation and intuition. All equally serve the whole, or there is no whole.

The idea that intellect is more than one among other faculties by which the world is comprehended is a vulgar rationalist error, a new *trahison des clercs*. In architecture it leads manifestly to a debased environment. The responses from the architectural profession (June 1) only prove how overdue is protest.

Yours etc.
JULIAN DAVID,
Luscombe,
Buckfastleigh, Devon.
June 4.

Benefits of Balliol

From Mr Roger Till

Sir, To say that adult education is far removed from Balliol, as Phillip Whitehead does in his article on Government cuts (June 5), is to weaken his case considerably. Those who have benefited from the college are much more numerous than those who have had the "advantages" that Mr Whitehead mentions.

Many of us have virtually lifelong gratitude for the widening opportunities achieved by such people as William Temple, R. H. Tawney, A. D. Lindsay, G. D. H. Cole, and, more recently, Christopher Hill.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER TILL,
14 Western Hill,
Durham.
June 5.

Concern for stability of family life

From the Bishop of Birmingham

Sir, The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill is to be considered this Wednesday in the House of Commons for report and third reading. The Whips' offices are unable to tell me whether or not whips will be put on.

The Board for Social Responsibility was grateful for an opportunity to put the Church's case against this Bill to the special standing committee appointed by the House of Commons. I feel, however, I should now put before a wider public the very strong opposition to this Bill voiced at its last group of sessions by members of the General Synod, which is the representative body of the Church of England.

Synod members felt that if anyone can take the first step in divorce proceedings under clause 1 of the Bill only one year after the wedding this will degrade the institution of marriage generally.

Clause 2 concerning maintenance payments is likely to work to the detriment of middle-aged divorced women who have devoted their lives to their children and have not trained for nor undertaken a post of paid employment.

I write to express the hope that members of the House of Commons, in Wednesday's vote, will pay due regard to the stability of the family in this country.

Yours faithfully,
† HUGH BIRMINGHAM,
Chairman,
Board for Social Responsibility,
Bishop's Croft, Old Church Road,
Harborne,
Birmingham.
June 11.

From the President of The National Council of Women of Great Britain and others.

Sir, We understand that for over a hundred years every Bill providing for changes in substantive divorce law has been a private member's Bill left to a free vote of both Houses. The Divorce Reform Act 1969 resulted from a Bill presented by private members and was left to a free vote of the House, although in view of the importance of the subject the Government gave drafting assistance to the sponsors and provided time in the Commons for the Bill to complete its passage.

At no time was pressure put by ministers on members of either House to vote in a certain way. We think it a pity that in relation to the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, which contains changes in substantive divorce law, traditional Government neutrality on matters of conscience is not being maintained.

We strongly urge that on report all such issues will be the subject of a free vote if they are pressed to a division on the floor of the House.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN VIALL, President,
The National Council of Women of Great Britain,
HAZEL TREADGOLD, Central President,
Mothers' Union,
LAURA GRIMOND, President, Women's Liberal Federation,
MIRIAM KAYS, President, League of Jewish Women,
PAULINE J. KEANE, President, National Board of Catholic Women,
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, President, Social Democratic Party (Women's Section),
The National Council of Women of Great Britain,
34 Lower Sloane Street, SW1.

From Mr Ole Hansen

Sir, It is a constitutional convention that judges interpret Acts of Parliament when deciding cases in the courts. Other comments on legislation are not binding and the judge who makes them is in danger of appearing prejudiced.

It is disturbing to see, therefore, how the Government has used the evidence of the President of the Family Division, Sir John Arnold, to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill. Amendments were rejected because Sir John had not agreed they were necessary or because he had assured the committee that the courts would adopt a particular interpretation. Comments by the Solicitor-General, it seems to me, came close to admitting that the Court of Appeal may be manipulated to achieve the results desired by the Government.

Such misuse of a senior judge's authority undermines the independence of the judiciary and the parliamentary scrutiny of Government Bills. It is aggravated in this instance by the fact that not all judges and lawyers share Sir John's view of the law, as was apparent from the debates in the House of Lords and from other evidence to the committee.

On Wednesday, June 13, the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill will return to the full House from the special standing committee. MPs should ensure that before the Bill finally passes out of their hands it expresses the will of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
OLE HANSEN, Director,
The Legal Action Group,
242-244 Pentonville Road, N1.

Gift of tongues

From the Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality

Sir, The capacity of people in this country to look gift horses in the mouth and then kick them in the teeth seems to be infinite. It crucially affects the modern language-teaching issue.

French and German are thought of as modern languages and there is much nodding of heads (referred to in your leader of June 7) to the effect that we ought to be better at them.

Bengali, Cantonese, modern Greek and a score of others are contained in a different part of the nation's consciousness. They are thought of as "mother-tongue" and, in some quarters, are decidedly suspect.

Why? Through no intervention of the school system we have become rather good at modern languages in recent years. Many thousands of young people can manage fluently in a language other than English. It is time that competence was recognised for what it is: an important addition to this country's stock of modern linguists.

We need to find ways of encouraging that competence. If that means, for some children and in some schools, less teaching of German and even, to the dismay of about 90 per cent of the country's language teachers, French – *tant pis*.

Yours faithfully,
PETER NEWSAM, Chairman,
Commission for Racial Equality,
Elliot House,
10-12 Allington Street, SW1.

Conflicting creeds

From the Dean of King's College, Cambridge

Sir, Your Religious Affairs Correspondent wants to begin a theological debate about the matters raised by Professor David Jenkins (*The Times*, June 4). Yet the only categories that he will allow are truth and lies determined by reference to historical facts. He thinks it "dishonest" to use categories such as myth and allegory, failing to notice that these are forms of historical reflection.

It is quite impossible to do anything like justice to any religious literature or tradition in such a rough and ready way: as impossible for the historian, the anthropologist or the literary critic as for the theologian. It also ignores 200 years of biblical criticism, the bulk of which has been done by members of the churches and is now in the Christian bloodstream.

Your Correspondent seems to want to start the debate by incapacitating the participants and then firing a blunderbuss at them. This strategy of the mass "evangelist" is as destructive of intelligent piety as it is of scholarship.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DRURY, Dean,
King's College, Cambridge.

Off pitch

From Professor A. A. M. Bryer

Sir, Good for Leigh Fermor (May 30). He has ventured a connection between chicanery and Byzantium.

Without benefit of *Hobson Jobson*, your other correspondents have already put *chukka*, in polo, as a derivation of the Persian word and game *chougan*, roundly off pitch.

Sasanian *chougan* survived its relative when polo was adopted and adapted by the British in the 1850s; in the 1960s it was still being played in Iran, Afghanistan and Georgia. *Chougan* is the *tzykanion* which Franks found Byzantines playing in twelfth-century Constantinople.

Another correspondent will have to show how and when *tzykanion* became *chicane*, but it assuredly did for by the seventeenth century it was tamed as a sort of pall-mall in France, for which an etymology even bolder than any of your correspondents' was proposed: that it was derived from English *chickens*, "who run after each other to snatch morsels of food from each others' beaks; this is what those who play *chicane* in the Greek way do, when they throw a ball into the middle of a field, each trying to take it from the other".

In 1878, when Littré also spotted Leigh Fermor's connection and polo had come so belatedly to Hurlingham, the older game seems to have left only chicanery and, now, those tiresome French traffic barriers.

May *chicane* (with chicanery if you wish) now take its place with the South American *banjo* and the North American *diaper* among Byzantium's gifts to the West.

Your obedient servant,
ANTHONY BRYER,
33 Crosbie Road,
Birmingham.

Human embryos

From Mrs Mary Sennett

Sir, The debate on embryo implantation appears to revolve around the facts of recent publicised cases, rather than try to define a path of morality which we, society, would wish the doctors to follow.

The whole process of stimulation of ovulation, and the subsequent extraction of eggs and *in-vitro* fertilisation, has occurred to provide children for infertile couples. To ensure success all eggs have been fertilised and, as the technique improves, generally a surplus is obtained, given that most doctors now will replace only two or three embryos in the hope that one will successfully implant.

In the case where a mother insists on all embryos being replaced, as reported with the Hammersmith quadruplets, the risk of multiple implantation is increased.

Therefore doctors should be encouraged to fertilise only three embryos at a time and be required to implant all of these. Surplus unfertilised eggs should be frozen, not fertilised embryos, for future use.

There can surely be no moral objection to the storing of eggs since life starts when the sperm hits the egg. There is every moral objection to freezing an embryo, or any other age of a human being, with the dangerous potential so well expressed by N. M. de S. Cameron in his letter to your columns on May 29.

Any woman undergoing such treatment should, and has the right to, demand implantation of all her embryos. In order to avoid multiple pregnancy, she also has the right to limit the number of eggs fertilised.

However, we also have to give guidance to the doctors on what is termed "cost-effective" treatment. Many now will collect as many eggs as possible to minimise the use of Pergonal and other drugs in the ovulation stimulation treatment and to call in the would-be mother only once: will fertilise all the eggs that they have to be sure of having a sufficient minimum for implantation: and implant hopefully only once.

This is a "cost-effective" approach, but has resulted in the moral dilemma of embryos, i.e., babies, being frozen, which is totally unacceptable in moral terms.

A step-by-step approach, with three embryos being created at a time, will certainly cost more, but surely this cost is essential to preserve the dignity of life which has so sadly been diminished over the last two decades by scientific advancement.

Yours faithfully,
MARY SENNETT,
Alfriston,
Elvetham Road,
Fleet,
Hampshire.
May 29.

The first sentence of the final paragraph in Mr Stephen Cang's letter yesterday should have said: "Performance in this sense commonly goes unreviewed," not "unrelieved".

Assembling for school worship

From the Headmaster of Ongar Comprehensive School

Sir, I fear that the Headmaster of Friern Barnet Grammar School, in his letter to you on June 7, is not stating the whole problem about the clauses in the 1944 Education Act which relate to school assemblies.

At its annual conference a year ago the National Association of Head Teachers experienced a very lively debate indeed on the topic, as a result of which a large working party was set up, and as incoming president I was an active member of that group.

After a year's work, which has involved examining oral and written evidence from a vast range of bodies with interests in this field, the working party has now, at the association's annual conference last week, recommended (and the recommendation has been accepted) that the association should submit to Government a reworded clause, the effect of which would be to separate school assemblies *per se* from collective acts of worship.

The association, however, does want both activities to happen in schools; in no way is it trying to remove opportunities of helping young people to understand, and subsequently to make their own decisions about, what one may loosely call the religious dimension to life.

The situation has not simply changed since 1944; it has been transformed, particularly in many of our cities. Every part of the country is different from every other part, however, and our new clause would expect head and governors (many of whom are likely to be parents) to decide together the frequency and the nature of acts of worship in accordance with local conditions; it does not suggest that worship should disappear.

We believe that this is the honest way forward and will spare heads and schools from the hypocritical situations they often now find themselves in. We do not, for instance, believe with Mr Pearman that it will really do to pretend that applauding a football result can be accepted as collective worship.

We do firmly believe that an assembly without any pretence at collective worship – an occasion when football results will certainly be commended – is important for the ethos of every school. We equally firmly believe that many different forms of worship can and should be practised quite separately, the nature of these activities to be the subject of local agreement.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN SWALLOW, Headmaster,
Ongar Comprehensive School,
Fyfield Road,
Ongar,
Essex.
June 7.

Short shrift

From Mr John Collieson

Sir, Could it be that, by being charged 2s. for a haircut in the 1930s, Wing Commander Tyrrell (May 29) was not shorn but fleeced?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COLLIESON,
10 Spring Court,
Church Road,
Hanwell,
Middlesex.
June 5.

A voice in Europe

From Mr Adam Fergusson, MEP for Strathclyde West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Roger Scruton's article today (June 12, "Euro-poll: why you should not vote"), characteristically tells us much more about Roger Scruton than about the European Parliament.

Not understanding its constitutional purpose or potential, and evidently ignorant of its make-up, he derides it for lack of power (a "powerlessness" shared by the backbenchers of Westminster, if he would think about it) while simultaneously insisting that it be given no more.

Let him stay at home with his democratic thoughts on polling day. That anyone, however cramped of mind, can be driven to such a discharge of bile indicates that we who see a broader and greater future for Britain and Europe than he does are getting somewhere at last.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ADAM FERGUSSON,
9 Addison Crescent, W14.
June 12.

Jove's comforter

From Mr J. R. W. Jennings

Sir, I cannot believe that Professor Elkan (June 9) is not aware of the guise adopted by Jupiter for the rape of Europa.

What animal could be more symbolic of the utterances of politicians at election time?

Yours faithfully
J. R. W. JENNINGS,
Jenwood Features Photography,
50 Lower Street,
Pulborough,
Sussex.
June 9.

From Mr T. R. Burch

Sir, If the Post Office must have a classical myth to decorate its new stamps in honour of the European Parliament, why not the Minotaur? Half human and half a ravening bull, it lives in a labyrinth of bureaucratic regulations and devours all who come near it.

One could just imagine the British Prime Minister as Ariadne, helping the slayer of the monster with a ball of knitting wool, but who will be Theseus?

Yours faithfully,
T. R. BURCH,
Aberdour,
Burgh Heath,
Surrey.
June 9.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 12: The Governor-General of Belize (Her Excellency Dame Minita Gordon) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Mr D. M. Day was received in audience by The Queen on his appointment as British High Commissioner to Canada.

Mrs Day had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr G. J. Price was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands on his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Australia at the Hague.

Mrs Price had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General of Canada and the Hon Maurice Sauvé, accompanied by Monsieur Jean-François Sauvé, had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Royal Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple, this afternoon attended a Garden Party in aid of the Inn's Scholarship Fund Appeal at Inner Temple, EC4.

Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, RN and Major Wayne Thompson were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Clwyd today.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Clwyd (Colonel J. Ellis Evans), Her Royal Highness this morning opened and toured Mold Community Hospital (Matron, Mrs A. Teaney).

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, visited the Fund's Shop in Mold.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, later opened and toured the Clwyd Special Riding Centre at Llanfynydd, Wrexham.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Skelmersdale (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Glenkinglas (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, SW7 today.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel-Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, East Midland Region this morning visited Women's Royal Voluntary Service at Swadlincote, Derbyshire. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness as Patron visited Derbyshire College of Higher Education, Mickleover.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Venerable Order of St John received and invested The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, The Governor-General of Canada and Prior of the Venerable Order of St John in Canada as a Dame of Justice and The Honourable Maurice Sauvé as a Knight of Grace.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 12: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, this afternoon visited Brighton, East Sussex, to meet delegates attending the ninth International Cystic Fibrosis Congress at the Metropole Hotel. Her Royal Highness also visited the 2nd International CF(M) Adults Conference at the Norfolk Continental Hotel.

Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

A memorial service for Jack Howarth will be held at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden, London, on Tuesday, June 19, at 11am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Dorothy Hutton will be held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy at 3pm on Wednesday, June 20, 1984.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. A. Jones and Miss H. J. Carolan
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henry Jones, of Bournheath, Bromsgrove, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. V. Carolan, of Quinton, Birmingham.

Mr P. T. Chapman and Miss V. M. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Philip Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs K. D. Chapman, of Woodrows Farm, Aldworth, Berkshire, and Virginia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Goodman, of Kingsbridge, Spencers Wood, Berkshire.

The Rev Dr R. W. L. Moberly and Miss M. Plowright
The engagement is announced between Walter, son of Mr R. B. Moberly and the late Mrs Moberly, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Meredith, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. P. Plowright, of Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr M. P. Yeadon and Miss S. A. Vermala
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. L. Yeadon, of Lytham, Lancashire, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Colonel S. Glavatsky-Vermala, Duke Aigistov, and Mrs S. J. Vermala, of Clearwater, Florida.

Alfred Eisenstaedt, The *Life* magazine photographer sometimes called the father of photojournalism, who was in London yesterday before going to Aberdeen for the opening on Friday of an exhibition of his work, "Eisenstaedt: Aberdeen, Portrait of a City" (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Birthdays today

Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, 63; Mr Alan Civil, 56; Sir Alec Clegg, 75; Mr David Curry, MEP, 40; Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, 58; Mr G R Howell, 46; Lord Hylton, 52; Mr Tom King, MP, 51; Mr Malcolm McDowell, 41; Sir Francis Pearson, 73; Sir Shuldham Redfern, 89; Dr Barbara Reynolds, 70; Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, 76; Dr B Schofield, 88; Mr Peter Scudamore, 26; Sir Henry Studholme, 85; Mrs Mary Whitehouse, 74.

Garden party

Inner Temple
The Duke of Edinburgh, Royal Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple, was present at a garden party held yesterday evening in aid of the Inner Temple Scholarship Fund Appeal.

Marriages

Professor A. J. S. Davies and Miss A. Lando
The marriage took place in London, on June 4, between Professor Tony Davies and Miss Agneta Lando.

The Very Rev D. L. Edwards and Miss S. Falcon
The marriage took place on June 8 in Southwark Cathedral between the Very Rev David Lawrence Edwards, son of the late Mr and Mrs Lawrence Edwards, of Cairo, and Miss Sybil Falcon, daughter of the late Mr Michael Falcon and of Mrs Kathleen Falcon, of Norwich.

Mr R. A. Martin and Mrs S. M. Richards
The Marriage took place in London on June 7, between Mr R. A. Martin and Mrs S. M. Richards.

Sênor R. A Sota and Miss A. S. Little
The marriage took place on June 9 at Holy Trinity, Brompton, London, between Sênor Raul Alberto Sota and Miss Amelia Sarah Little.

Oundle School

Oundle School has announced the following scholarships and exhibitions:


13-year-old awards: Grocers' Company Scholarship: J W Watkins, Gt Houghton School, Northampton. Major scholarships: W J Carpmael, Ludgrove, Wokingham; J Gissing, Stoneygate School, Leicester. Minor scholarships: R B Aitken, Spratton Hall, Northampton; A D Baldock, Westbourne House, Chichester. Major exhibitions: P C Hudson, Stoneygate School, Leicester; W G Womersley, Maidwell School, Cross Hills; B A Wood, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden. Minor exhibitions: S W Means, Old Buckenham Hall, Ipswich.
11-year-old awards: Preparatory schools confirmation scholarships: J M Lisle, Bramcote School, Retford; A C McMillan, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden; A D P Smith, Dulwich College Prep, Dulwich; R J Tinsley, St Anselm's, Bakewell; M W Wright, Duke of Kent School, Ewhurst.
Junior entrance awards: Major scholarship: M C Read, Altrincham Prep, Altrincham. Minor scholarship: H J Mainwaring, St Cedd's School, Chelmsford; P J Southby, Boston Tower Road CP School, Boston, Lincolnshire.
Music awards: Major scholarship: B Smith, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford. Minor scholarship: S G H Edwards, Northwood Prep School; R I J Griffin, St John's College, Cambridge; P C Hudson, Stoneygate, Leicester. Exhibition: J-P Versteeg, Westminster Abbey Choir School.

Science report

How to double North Sea oil stocks

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Thick water is one of three inventions that could double the volume and life of North Sea oil production.

Experiments are under way at the Winfrith atomic energy establishment, Dorset, on methods of recovering more oil.

Although the characteristics of the oil-bearing rock in the North Sea ensure a good recovery rate by usual standards, almost 60 per cent or more than 2,000 million tonnes, worth more than £300,000m could be left.

Routine recovery begins with an oil flow under the natural pressure of the reservoir. The main production follows by flooding the well with water or gas.

But the secondary stage is not powerful enough to drive out all the droplets, because of the forces which cause the oil molecules to cling so tenaciously to the rock.

More than one method is needed because there are different conditions in oil-bearing rocks. Variations in rock formation exist in different parts of the North Sea.

Therefore all three methods under development for a third recovery stage have applications.

The first two are tricks to overcome oil droplets' viscosity to make them flow more readily through the tiny rock pores by injecting steam into the well, or adding to the water a surfactant, chemical similar to washing-up liquid.

The third laboratory experiment is to create so-called thick water by adding a polymer, which behaves much as starch does in cornflour to thicken a sauce.

This has been developed for use in geological formations consisting of a sandwich of rock in which the centre part is more porous than the outer layers.

When the well is flooded to sweep out the droplets, the water takes the easiest route through the central part.

Poppies upstage the rest in RHS show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Iceland poppies provide the most brilliant splash of colour at the Royal Horticultural Society's early summer show in Westminster. Other flowers appear subdued in contrast.

Home Meadows Nursery, of Martlesham, Suffolk, is showing the poppies, whose colours are mainly brilliant yellows and oranges, although the new "All Scarlet" is in dazzling, glowing scarlet.

Peter Beales Roses, of Attleborough, Norfolk, has a fine display of old-fashioned and shrub roses, including their new hybrid musk shrub rose "Sadlers Wells", cherry red and silver, particularly good in autumn.

Hopleys Plants, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, is showing helianthemums or rock roses, and shrubby potentillas, including one of its raising, "Hopleys Orange", a low grower with bright orange flowers. Another new plant is *Pyracantha coccinea* "Sparkler", with green and white variegated foliage. It is a prostrate ground-cover shrub.

Several competitions are being held, including the RHS tree and shrub for which Robert H. Stephenson Clarke, of Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, won first prize in the class for four trees and/or shrubs in flower, with *Crinodendron hookeranum, Embothrium coccineum, Richea scoparia,* and *Rhododendron trichocladum.*

In the British Iris Society's late summer show, Mrs M. Owen won the Insole Challenge Cup for 12 spikes of tall bearded irises and the Usher Cup for most points in the show.

A. R. J. Bailey won the Joyce Darnell Vase for the tall bearded iris "Cup Race", and the Josephine Romney Towndrew Trophy for the best iris in the show was awarded to Mrs M. Foster for "Caliente".

In the British Pelargonium and Geranium Society's competition, the Iris Munro Cup, for best exhibit in show, was awarded to the Thames Valley Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society for a mixed group. The Margery Stimpson Cup, for best exhibit in amateur classes, was awarded to Mr M. R. Hale, of Cardiff, for his regal variety "Hazel Herald".

That variety also gained for Mr Hale the Lady Irene Burton Cup for best amateur regal exhibit. The W. A. R. Clifton Cup, for the best amateur group of zonal pelargoniums, was also awarded to Mr Hale.

For the British National Carnation Society's June show of greenhouse and outdoor carnations and pinks the following exhibitors were awarded bronze medal cards for best blooms in show: Dr A Franklin (perpetual-flowering carnation 'Joanne'), J W Radcliffe (pink 'Doris Varlow'), Mrs E Hudson (seedling fancy pink), and G Chittenden (spray carnation).

The following awards were also given:

First-class certificate: to Lilium pyrenaicum, from Northern Spain, with small yellow turk's cap flowers spotted and striped black, from Mr and Mrs Martyn Simmonds, of Burghclere.
Awards of merit: Gladiolus byzantinus, from S E Europe, small cerise flowers; Allium dichlamydeum, an alpine from California, with bright deep mauve flowers; Celmisia bellidioides, an alpine from New Zealand, with white, yellow-centred daisy flowers; Styrax officinalis, a shrub for mild areas with white flowers, from S Europe; and Primula wollastonii, from Nepal, with deepest blue cup-shaped flowers; all exhibited by the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.
Awards of merit also went to: [illegible] cordifolia from South America, long tubular flowers, red with green tips, from Mr and Mrs R N N Taylor and the National Trust, Coleton Fishacre, Kingswear, South Devon.

Today is the last day of the show, which will be open from 10 am to 5 pm.

Memorial service

Lord Glenkinglas
The Queen was represented by Lord Skelmersdale at a memorial service for Lord Glenkinglas held at Holy Trinity, Brompton, yesterday. The Lord Chancellor was present. The Prime Minister was represented by Mr John Wakeham, MP. The Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords was present and the Speaker was represented by Mr Paul Dean, MP. The Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons and Lord Home of the Hirsel attended. The Rev J. T. C. B. Collins officiated. Mr Kenneth Spence and Judge Christopher Hordern, QC, brother-in-law, read the lessons. Lord Gibson-Watt gave an address. Among others present were:

Lady Glenkinglas (widow), the Hon Mrs Vey (daughter), Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Egerton-Warburton, Mr and the Hon Mrs Jonathan Delap, Mr and the Hon Mrs Jonathan Boyle (sons-in-law and daughters), Louisa and Christopher Egerton-Warburton, James and Michael Delap and Cara, Rory and Davina Boyle (grandchildren), Sir Andrew and Lady Noble (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Anastasia Noble (sister), Mr and Mrs Kenneth Spence, Miss Melanie Spence, Mr Patrick Spence, Mr and Mrs Douglas Cotton, Sir Marc and Lady Noble, Mr and Mrs Robin Sheepshanks, Mr Christopher Sheepshanks, Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord and Lady Gainford, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Mrs Christopher Hordern, Mr Robert Hardy, Dottore Mario Strubb, Mr and Mrs Ralph Cobbold, Mr and Mrs Peter Lannigan-O'Keefe, Mr Mark Hordern, Miss Harriet Hordern, Lord Zuckerman, OM (representing the Zoological Society of London) and Lady Zuckerman, Lady Elizabeth Hornsby, Mrs Philip Mond, Mrs Anthony Matthias, Mr Basil Austin.

The Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the Duke of Buccleuch, Pamela Marchioness of Huntly, Earl Haig, the Earl and Countess of Cork and Orrery, Viscount Runciman of Doxford, Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, Lord Maclean (Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute) and Lady Maclean, Baroness Masham of Ilton, Lord and Lady Aberconway, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (Association of Conservative Peers), Lord Strathcona and Mountroyal, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lady Sempill, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Tweedsmuir, Lord Denham, Lord Macpherson of Drumochter, Irene Lady Grenfell, Lord and Lady Stodart of Leaston, Baroness Elliot of Harwood, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Lord Ferrier, Lord Gray of Contin, Baroness McLeod of Borve.

The Hon George Younger, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP, Lady Anne Palmer (International Dendrology Society), the Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP, the Hon Julian and Mrs Gibson-Watt, the Hon Christopher and Mrs McLaren, the Hon Mrs Claud Phillimore, Sir Westrow Hulse, Lady Royden, Sir John Gilmour (Hanover Scotland Housing Association), Sir Peter Thorne, Sir William Fraser, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir Philip de Zulueta, Sir Robin Chichester-Clark, Sir John Tilney, Sir Alex and Lady Alexander, Mr Kenneth Wagg, Mr and Mrs C Kingzett, Mr Robin Sanderson, Mr and Mrs H Imrie Swainston of Linnels, Rear-Admiral John Adams, Mr Michael Martineau, Captain Alan Clarke and Mr and Mrs Patrick Guest.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon held at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of Mr Antonio Ortiz Mena.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Sir David Steel presided at the annual luncheon of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry held at Guildhall yesterday. Herr Helmut Schmidt was the guest of honour and other guests included:
Earl Jellicoe, Baroness Young, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP, Sir Peter Middleton, Sir Anthony Rawlinson, Sir George Moseley, Sir James Duncan, Sir Lawrence Airey, Mr J M Raisman, and Mr J T Leonard.

Board of Deputies of British Jews
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Chairman of the Merseyside County Council and Mrs Ben Shaw were the principal guests at the annual luncheon in honour of Jewish lord mayors, mayors, ex-mayors, and other members of the Jewish community active in local government, which was given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews at its offices in Euston yesterday.

Dinner

Fisher Society
The annual dinner of the Fisher Society was held at King's College, Cambridge, last night. Mr Philippe Yates, chairman, presided and the guests included the Archbishop of Birmingham, Mgr A. N. Gilbey, and Father Richard Incledon.

Reception

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne
Lord Cullen of Ashbourne was host at a reception given by the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council at the House of Lords yesterday. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, president, was the speaker at a meeting held in the House of Commons afterwards. Lord and Lady Cullen received the guests who included ambassadors, high commissioners and other members of the diplomatic corps

Book signing

Mrs Heather Angel, President Elect of the Royal Photographic Society and wildlife and nature photographer, will be signing copies of her forthcoming book, *A Camera In the Garden*, from 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm tomorrow in the Kodak Photographic Gallery, 190 High Holborn, London WC1. An exhibition of photographs from the book will be on display in the gallery from June 15 until August 23. Admission is free.

'Burke's Peerage'

Burke's Peerage Publications announce the publication of their updated *Peerage* in the Spring of 1985. Registration and order forms should be completed by the end of July. The pre-publication price is £60. Inquiries should be made to Mr Peter Townend, 1 Hay Hill, London W1.

OBITUARY

LORD GLENAVY

Noted comic novelist

Lord Glenavy, 4th Baron, who has died at the age of 59 was better known as Michael Campbell the author of such comic novels as *Peter Perry* and *Lord Dismiss Us*.

He was born on October 25, 1924, a son of the 2nd Baron. His brother was Patrick Campbell the humorist who himself became the 3rd Lord Glenavy.

Michael Campbell was educated at St Columba's College, Rathfarnham and Trinity College, Dublin, and was called to the Bar by King's Inns, Dublin, in 1947. However, the law did not claim him for long. After a period teaching he became a journalist on the *Irish Times* for which he was in London for several years.

His first novel, *Peter Perry* was published in 1956 and was then withdrawn because of a possible libel action. About an outrageously eccentric lady and her circle, it was later republished with *Nothing Doing* (1970) which retailed in fictional form the story of the book's initial suppression and eventual acceptance.

Oh Mary This London (1959) and *The Princess in England* were both about the experiences in their different ways, of alcohol-prone Irishmen marooned in London while *Across the Water* continued its drinking on the Dublin side of the Irish Sea.

Lord Dismiss Us (1967) dealt with the defeat of the at best asexual at worst homosexual regime of a minor public school through the arrival of a new headmaster's wife and her teenaged daughter, both determined to restore a more conventional Eve with attendant serpent to this sexually etiolated Garden of Eden.

Michael Campbell succeeded his brother Patrick Campbell in the barony on the humourist's death in 1980. There is no heir.

MR PHILIP MARSDEN

F. S. N. writes:

Mr Philip Kitson Marsden, OBE who was the Deliverer of the Vote in the House of Commons for twenty-five years, died on June 7, aged 67.

Born in England on August 10, 1916, he spent his early childhood at a remote mission station in the Transkei where his father, an infantry officer from the Western Front, found work teaching Africans. When he returned to England he could sing African songs in the vernacular, including a Zulu war-chant, but could not write in English.

Educated at Wallsend Secondary (later Grammar) School, Northumberland, he matriculated at 16 but had to begin his varied career in a Tyneside tea factory during the depressed Thirties. Later he worked on the railway as a ticket clerk.

In 1938, he joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, flew Hurricanes and Spitfires until 1944 and served on as a radar officer when illness grounded him.

Then, invalided from the RAF, he bagan his 34 years of service to Parliament in 1945 as Assistant Deliverer in the Vote Office. In 1954, he became the Deliverer of the Vote.

He was appointed OBE for his performance in his 300-year-old post, which does not concern Members' voting, of course, but the distribution of a document called "the Vote" in the 16th century, when it was still being written by hand.

The Vote evolved in effect as a selective précis of the Clerk's minutes-book – the Journal of the House – still compiled overnight after a sitting and given to MPs early next morning to inform them about business done and business still to be done.

Philip Marsden inherited long hours of work, humdrum and frequently hectic. One of the Deliverer's trickiest duties is to order and stock papers "ordered to be printed" by the House and produce them on request for MPs in time for a debate.

Yet he found time for research in the Palace records and wrote two books *In Peril Before Parliament* which dealt with trials of peers by the Lords, and *The Officers of the Commons (1363-1965)*, the first complete yet compact history of the House's three great departments, the Clerk's, the Speaker's and the Serjeant-at-arms', and all their various offices.

He was also an expert with budgerigars and found time somehow to write three books about them which were translated into eight languages. Millions of viewers in the 1960s who watched the "Budgie Man" on television did not know he was also somebody in Parliament.

JANOS FERENCSIK

Janos Ferencsik, the Hungarian conductor, who died on June 12 in Budapest at the age of 77, had been since 1953, general musical director at the Budapest Opera and chief conductor of the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ferencsik who had studied at the Budapest National Conservatory and later under Toscanini and Bruno Walter, joined the State Opera in 1927 as répétiteur and spent most of his career there. However, he spent the year 1930 to 1931 as a musical assistant at Bayreuth and from 1948 to 1950 was a guest conductor at the Vienna State Opera.

He had also conducted in this country, with the London Philharmonic Orchestra in 1957 and again at the Edinburgh Festival where he conducted the Hungarian State Opera in a programme of Bartók's stage music. Elsewhere in Europe he was a familiar guest conductor at the festivals of Salzburg and Vienna and had appeared in the USA.

His reputation was understandably as an interpreter of Hungarian music to which he brought a dynamic approach but he had also recorded widely in the standard repertoire.

He was a professor at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest and had been twice recipient of Hungary's prestigious Kossuth Prize.

PIERRE BERTIN

Pierre Bertin, one of France's foremost character actors, has died in Paris aged 88. He joined the Comédie Française in 1923 and Jean-Louis Barrault's company in 1945.

He was comedian *par excellence*, and his Malvolio was the highlight of his years at the Comédie Française. He overflowed with an abundant sense of fun, whether applying himself to the measured wit of Molière or the outrageous drollery of Feydeau. He presented devastating portraits of Oronte in *Le Misanthrope* and of The Prince in *Occupe-toi d'Amlie* during the 1956 Barrault season at the Palace Theatre in London.

Five years earlier, he had been much admired at the St James's as Géronte in Jouvet's production of *Les Fourberies de Scapin* and as Créon in Vilar's *Oedipus*.

To Sir Peter Daubeny's World Theatre Seasons he contributed, at the ripe age of 73, two dazzling character-studies, as Bartholo in *Le Barbier de Séville* and as Madeleine Renaud's husband in a comedy by Billetdoux with Barrault's troupe from the Théâtre de France, in 1968.

A master elocutionist and an expert musician, Bertin also gave illustrated talks on contemporary composers he had known personally and was a dependable supporting player in over 30 films.

Miss Alfreda Helen Baker, MD, FRCS, who died on June 1 at the age of 86, was formerly Consulting Surgeon to the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, the Marie Curie Hospital and the Hounslow Hospital. She was a Fellow of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and a Member of the Anatomical Society.

Viscount Lymington, son and heir of the Earl of Portsmouth, died on June 5 in Basingstoke at the age of 61.

Correction

The tribute to Earl Howe published on June 9 was wrong in saying that he had won the 24 Heures du Mans in 1931; it was his father, the 5th Earl, who won the race.

Employment Appeal Tribunal — Law Report June 13 1984

Mother wins part-time work appeal

Home Office v Holmes
Before Mr Justice Waite, Mr W. P. Blair and Miss A. P. Vale
[Judgment delivered June 11]

The Home Office was held to have unlawfully discriminated against a full-time woman civil servant on the ground of her sex by refusing to allow her to work part-time after the birth of her children.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal upheld a London industrial tribunal's decision that the Home Office had discriminated against Ms Sara Holmes under sections 1 and 6 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, by applying the condition of full-time work which fewer women than men could comply with, which was not justifiable irrespective of her sex and which was to her detriment

Section 1 of the Act provides: "(1) A person discriminates against a woman in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if . . . . (b) he applies to her a requirement or condition which he applies or would apply equally to a man but (i) which is such that the proportion of women who can comply with it is considerably smaller than the proportion of men who can comply with it, and (ii) which he cannot show to be justifiable irrespective of the sex of the person to whom it is applied, and (iii) which is to her detriment because she cannot comply with it."

Section 6(2) provides: "It is unlawful for a person, in the case of a woman employed by him at an establishment is Great Britain, to discriminate against her. . . . (b) by dismissing her, or subjecting her to any other detriment".

Mr Peter Goldsmith for the Home Office; Mr John Hendy for Ms Holmes.

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that the employee was one of a group of executive officers of mixed sexes all of whose contracts required them to serve full time. The requirement of a full-time service in her grade and department was absolute.

In 1975 she had her first child. Hers was a single parent family.

Between November 1975 and June 1978 she took two years and two months unpaid leave.

She resumed normal work for a short time but in September 1981 her second child was born. She asked to return on a part-time basis but she was told that there were no part-time posts available and that she could only return to full-time employment.

She presented a complaint of unlawful discrimination on the ground of her sex to the industrial tribunal. The tribunal correctly directed themselves under sections 1 and 6 of the 1975 Act.

They asked whether the requirement of full-time sevice in the employee's contract of employment amounted to a condition within the meaning of section 1(1)(b) of the Act. They found that it was an essential term of her employment.

They asked whether the condition of full-time work was such that the proportion of women who could comply with it was smaller than the proportion of men who could comply. They answered "yes". Despite changes in the role of women in modern society it was still a fact that the raising of children placed a greater burden on women than on men.

They then considered whether the Home Office could show that the condition was justified irrespective of her sex. Detailed evidence was heard by the industrial tribunal including departmental reports and other statistics.

They found that the Home Office had failed to show that the requirement of full-time work was justifiable. They then held that parental responsibility prevented her from carrying out full-time work and that the condition was to her detriment under section 1(1)(b)(iii).

The tribual found that she had been subjected to a detriment under section 6(2)(b) and that her claim succeeded.

The Home Office contended on appeal that it was wrong to describe anything so fundamental as a duty of full-time work as a condition or requirement: it was the job itself not a term of the job.

The appeal tribunal were unable to accept that. "Requirement or condition" were plain words of wide import fully capable of including an obligation of full-time work and there was no basis for giving them a restrictive interpretation in the light of the policy underlying the Act or in the light of public policy.

Mr Goldsmith's second criticism was that the tribunal had become confused by the two concepts of detriment in sections 1 and 6 and that in section 1(1)(b)(iii) it was of a restrictive kind whereas under section 6(2)(b) it was referred to in the widest terms. He urged that the detriment *in section 6(2)(b) had* to be different from that in the earlier section.

But the appeal tribunal regarded it as consistent with the language of the Act that the same detriment to a woman employee could be relied on for the purposes of both sections.

It was argued that the industrial triunal's finding that the condition of full-time employment was not shown to be justifiable under section 1(1)(b)(ii) was perverse. That however was a question for the industrial tribunal.

They had not erred in law and their decision that the Home Office had unlawfully discriminated against the employee would be upheld.

In response to a final submission of general importance addressed to the appeal tribunal on behalf of the Home Office, the tribunal wished to say that the scheme of anti-discriminatory legislation involved casting a wide net, throwing upon employers the onus of justifying the relevant requirement or condition in particular instances. But it was wrong to assume that because the net was wide the catch would necessarily be large.

Mr Goldsmith had invited the tribunal to envisage the shock to British industry and national and local government if they had to face a shoal of claims by full-time woman workers alleging discrimination in refusing them part-time status.

The tribunal emphasized that the present case stood on its own facts and in other cases the result might be different.

The appeal would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Robin Thompson & Partners.

Court of Appeal

Proving intent to supply drugs

Regina v Downes
Before Lord Justice Robert Goff, Mr Justice Caulfield and Sir John Thompson.
[Judgment delivered June 12]

Where a defendant was tried on an indictment alleging possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply to another, it was not sufficient for the trial judge to direct the jury that the defendant was guilty if, having no intention herself to supply to another, she knew full well that a co-defendant in joint possession of the drugs had such an intention.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) allowed the appeal of Miss Deborah Downes against her conviction at Cardiff Crown Court (Judge Gibson, QC, and a jury) on February 8, 1983, on a charge of possessing controlled drugs, namely cannabis resin, with intent to supply it to another, contrary to section 5(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Miss Mary Parry Evans, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Miss Jill Walters for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that when police searched the defendant's flat for drugs, they found a box which contained £130 in cash, three notebooks, a 27-gram block of cannabis resin and 13 packets of cannabis resin weighing about 3.6 grams. They also found scales which had traces of cannabis resin on them.

In the course of police interviews the defendant said that the box and some of the cash were hers, but she denied that the drugs, documents or the scales belonged to her, and she denied being involved in the supply of cannabis resin.

At her trial, the prosecution case was that the defendant and a co-defendant, Steven Robert Saunders, were in joint possession of the cannabis resin with intent to supply it to another, contrary to section 5(3) of the 1971 Act.

Having directed the jury that they had to be satisfied that the defendant was in possession of the cannabis, the trial judge went on to say that the defendant intended to supply it to another, and was guilty of the offence charged if, either she intended to supply it to another, or she knew full well that the co-defendant was going to supply it to others, although she herself was not going to be involved in the supply and distribution.

It was submitted for the defendant that the judge had erred in so directing the jury on the matter of the relevant intent.

In *R v Greenfield* ([1983] Crim LR 397), it was decided that the intent of somebody else to supply was not enough. Was it enough that the defendant was in joint possession of the drug in question, in the full knowledge that the other person in joint possession with her had the intention to supply?

The answer was, not necessarily so, unless the persons in joint possession of the drugs were engaged in a joint venture of supplying it to others.

It was not enough, therefore, to direct the jury that it would be sufficient that the defendant knew full well that the co-defendant intended to supply the cannabis; for the mere fact of such knowledge without herself being involved in any joint venture with him, was not enough to establish the necessary intent on the defendant's part.

For those reasons the appeal would be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Solicitors: Mr J. M. Timmons, Cardiff.

A SPECIAL REPORT

The British Council

This unique organization celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation this year – half a century spent in promoting an understanding and appreciation of Britain in other countries through cultural, educational and technical cooperation, a role which has undergone many changes through the years, but remains unaltered in purpose

When John Burgh was appointed director-general of the British Council in 1980 a shiver ran through the embassies, out-stations, colleges, commissions and libraries that make up its worldwide net. It was not a ripple of pleasure. Of course there had been soundings – in the council's world *they still play* by the *gentlemanly* rules of the Foreign Office. But what was known of the name of Burgh had all the wrong connotations: he sounded like a hatchet man for a government in whose version of diplomacy, commerce and public sector cost effectiveness the British Council had no guaranteed place.

John Burgh represented Whitehall, which the council, with its Royal charter and insulation from direct ministerial interference, had always kept at arm's length. Worse, he represented Trade: he came to the council from a senior position in the Department of Trade and seemed to embody the Government's resolve to make Britain's overseas civil servants more technical minded, more closely connected to business and exports.

In Burgh were visible none of the obvious qualifications of his predecessor, Sir John Llewellyn, who had been an academic, a professor of chemistry, writer of scientific papers and a vice-chancellor. The new man had spent 30 years labouring in the adminstrative mines and, ominously, was a specialist in prices and incomes.

Five years on, it would be an exaggeration to say Sir John Burgh (as he became) has won the hearts and minds of council staff or that he is the toast of the cocktail parties that – come cuts or cultural revolutions – remain a staple of council life. But there is a ready acceptance that in the circumstances of the 1980s, with a government determined to reduce spending and to call the public sector to account, Sir John – now 58 years old – has the lineaments of a strong leader. As he presides over the council's fiftieth anniversary celebrations his reputation is growing, inside and outside, as a director-general who in a remarkably short time has fashioned a personal definition of "cultural diplomacy" that begins to look as if it will guide the council safely to the end of the century.

There are some people who believe that the broader Burghian conception of the council's purpose should now be recognized in formal amendment of the council's 1940 charter which focussed only on promoting abroad a wider knowledge of the United Kingdom and the English language.

The nay-sayers of 1980 were right in assuming that Sir John's arrival at the council would mean the application of managerial discipline which within a context of large scale expenditure cuts ordered by the Thatcher government was bound to hurt. But they were wrong in seeing Sir John as in any way a passive conduit for the Government's orders.

A re-reading of his official biography would have shown that he was no typical upwardly mobile mandarin. His civil service career had been punctuated by quango appointments – he worked with the various bodies set up in the 1960s and 1970s to deal with prices and incomes – and extraordinary secondments, to the Community Relations Commission and as deputy head of the Think Tank, the Central Policy Review Staff, in its glory days of the early 1970s.

Sir John says he went to the council with no over arching conception of Britain's place in the world. Rather he came because he was fed up with being a civil servant ever advising politicians and never doing – he wanted to run his own show. The managerial ambition has certainly characterized the Burgh regime.

During the past five years the British Council has had its core budget of public money cut considerably; it has undergone major internal re-structuring with the absorption of Inter-University Council for Higher Education Overseas and other previously independent committees; its activities abroad have had to reflect the new emphasis on full cost charges for teaching.

That the council this year is not only alive and well but, in some of its departments, positively bullish about the future is a tribute to Sir John Burgh's direction – also to the wide circle of "friends" prepared to rally the council's defence when the Whitehall spending wars are fought.

Sir John compares his position as director-general to that of a chief executive; he answers to the council's board and its chairman, businessman Sir Charles Troughton. As a tough-minded executive he acknowledges that the spending cuts have been a useful discipline. "I've always believed that the council has become a much more efficient body through the pressure that has been exerted on us," he says, "although I have to say we have now been 'over-cut' and are not now able to seize opportunities that do exist."

Under the Burgh regime, the council has seen a review committee under Lord Seebohm recommend a package of managerial changes; an external appraisal of its administration by Cooper's Lybrand; and the introduction (several years before Whitehall itself) of modern systems of management information and financial accounting.

Declaring himself an enemy of bureaucracy (although council staff admit that a fair volume of paper is still pushed around the various offices) Sir John divides officials into "responders" and "innovators". Sometimes "external clout" is needed to make the more passsive responders move. That has been the case at the council, he implies.

But the rather atavistic Burghian conception of management softens when Sir John is asked to define the council's purposes. He quickly acknowledges that many functions are inherently difficult to quantify; "making friends abroad" is an ambition that does not lend itself to finite cost appraisals yet that, in large measures is what the council is about.

"Now that Britain is a middle-rank power, the need for the development of understanding of Britain overseas is the greater," he begins, talking of presenting Britain's "best face" abroad. The council is engaged in cultural diplomacy – but that phase must not be taken to simply that it directly serves the purposes of British foreign policy.

Yes, there is guidance on current foreign policy stands – usually delivered through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's representative on the council's board or through the informal consultation that takes place regularly between diplomats and council staff. For example: a visit by Sir John or any senior council official to Argentina at the moment is ruled out in case it were misconstrued. Cultural relations with the Soviet Union have been damped down since the invasion of Afghanistan.

The council's programmes sometimes serve to embellish diplomacy. "*Take a recent example:* the council-sponsored London Symphony Orchestra tour of Malaysia ended with a concert in Kuala Lumpur that set the seal on rapprochement after a difficult period in British relations with that country."

There is a formula loosely observed within the council which says that two thirds of its overseas activities are aimed at the "successor" generations and one third at those in positions of authority. In other words, the council's perspective is mainly long term: it aims to bring some experience of Britain to those who will later attain positions of influence or responsibility.

According to Sir Anthony Parsons, the former diplomat and adviser at Number Ten, the British Council exists "to create Anglophiles in foreign countries". In a eulogy which the council, quite naturally, has had printed and published, Sir Anthony has written of carrying "what is best in British education and culture throughout the length and breadth of countries *in which, with the passing of the* British Empire, a dynamic consciousness of all things British would otherwise fade."

One suspects that Sir John is still too much of the earth bound home civil servant to lay a great deal of store by "dynamic consciousness". Indeed the empiricist in him prefers to point at what the council is doing and indicate that in them lies its essence. In Saudi Arabia the council has become a cultural entrepreneur, the large scale purveyor of education that is paid for by the host country. Elsewhere it acts rather like an export manager for the British book trade. In its Chinese guide the council has assisted in the establishment of an English language television service: and so on.

"Once people see what our staff do, they begin to attach far less importance to the demand to quantify the benefits," Sir John says. "The best way of understanding what the Council is about is to go out and see what we do. When they see our libraries and activities, politicians are convinced. In successive overseas visits, the Prime Minister has made a habit of visiting British Council offices and has become a constant and firm supporter of us."

Still true to the Whitehall style, Sir John is not a "natural" for the media; his public relations staff have still to press him to project a personality to allow the public to identify the Council in human terms. And yet Sir John comes to life in describing the Council's myriad projects.

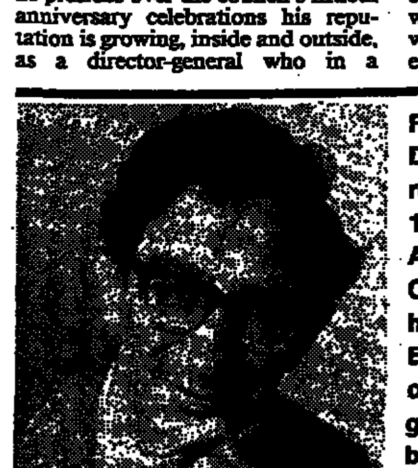
Still a civil servant, Sir John is reluctant to criticize government policy in the opern. But on one issue he is prepared to record a strong opposition to the strategy pursued by Mrs Thatcher's ministers: the raising of tuition fees in universities and colleges for overseas students. "It was a major error," he says, recalling a recent conversation he had in Kuala Lumpur. There a Canadian diplomat had noted that since Britain raised fees Malaysian students had turned in great numbers to colleges in Canada; in 1981 only 500 Malaysians registered in Canada but now there are 8,000.

Having steered the council through five years of administrative renewal and fiscal pressure, Sir John thinks the government should now loosen the reins. His enthusiasm rekindles. He speaks of opportunities for educational work in newly independent Brunei ("we would like to establish an office there"), an ambitious project for an institute of English in Caracas, new work in Mexico and a new strategy of penetration of Francophone Africa where the ground is fertile for implenting English-language seeds. There are a host of ways in which the council could exploit information technology, too, Sir John goes on: both for internal management purposes and as a show case for British product development here perhaps are the beginnings of an agenda for British Council work for the next 50 years.

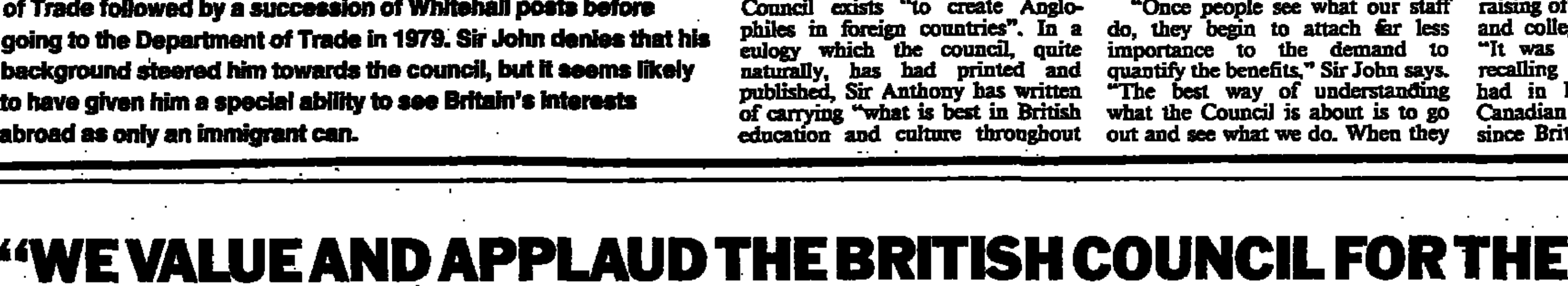
David Walker



The council in action. From left, clockwise: teaching a Sudanese to teach English in the Yemen Arab Republic; reading in the council's information room in Nairobi; training specialist building workers in Sri Lanka; and learning – an English language class in the council's Bangkok offices



From fleeing Nazis, to working in a factory to a leading post in the Department of Trade – Sir John Burgh's life had already been remarkably varied beore his appointment to the British Council in 1980. Born in Vienna in 1925, he came to England after the Austrian *Anschluss* to be educated at a Quaker school in Oxfordshire, and worked for a while in a manufacturing plant. In his twenties he won a scholarship to the London School of Economics; in 1950 he was made Assistant Principal at the Board of Trade followed by a succession of Whitehall posts before going to the Department of Trade in 1979. Sir John denies that his background steered him towards the council, but it seems likely to have given him a special ability to see Britain's interests abroad as only an immigrant can.



Philippa Toomey on a case of changing fortunes

With an optimistic glance towards the year 2034

The British Council has had its turn on the swings and roundabouts, not to say the rollercoaster of fate. Founded in 1934 as an independent voluntary body by Rex Leeper, head of the news department of the Foreign Office, the aim was to fight the rise of fascism, which was projecting an image based on brilliant propaganda.

The British Council for Relations with Other Countries, as it was then called, had a grant in aid from the Foreign Office of £5,000 for its first year's work. By 1940 when the Royal Charter was granted, this sum had risen to nearly half a million pounds. In the first 18 months of its existence, the Chairman (Lord Eustace Percy) announced £2,500 for schools for English residents abroad, university chairs and readerships of English and institutions of English studies in foreign countries, received £4,200, grants to libraries, circulation of English periodicals and visiting British lecturers, £3,700. Britain, said the Chairman had neglected her moral and intellectual responsibilities in her own Colonies and Dependencies, and there was also a genuine and urgent desire in foreign countries to understand the life and thought of British people.

These views encapsulated the early work of the British Council. During the war, the council was to make a radical change, the first of many, which enriched its future. The country was full of our allies, here "for the duration" and effort was required to provide a cultural and educational service. Originally called, without much tact, the Resident Foreigners Division (later the Home Division it divided the country into regions to provide this service. After the war, there was some argument about the future of the council, the demarcation of its scope if the Ministry of Information were to be retained, the exact position as an "official" source of information (always a sore point through the years) and some snide remarks from The Times.

A new role came quickly to hand with the large numbers of visitors who came to Britain under British Council schemes, and needed to be looked after, and also for the United Nations, the Commonwealth Relations Office, and later the Overseas Development Administration.

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The British Council has had to survive a series of slings and arrows, not only of cuts to the budget, followed by increases – in no discernable pattern – but also lack of appreciation, attacks on political grounds, and for many years the unswerving hostility of the Beaverbrook press. In 1950, however, a cut of £354,000 drew angry letters from influential people to *The Times*. The problem is that the council, much-loved and admired abroad though it is, performs a job that is unquantifiable.

There have been 20 reviews of the council's work in the years since the war. The Drogheda Report, the first of major importance, established the council in 1954 as the primary source for overseas cultural and educational work. There was a leap forward in the teaching of English in the 1950s and early 1960s, and the council increased its role as a development agency in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1977 came the bombshell. As the former Chairman, Lord Ballantrae, said, the Berrill bomb went off. This was the Review of Overseas Representation, carried out by the Central Policy Review Staff (the Think Tank) under Sir Kenneth Berrill.

There were two options for the British Council, the preferred one bring its abolition, and the transference of its functions and those of smaller agencies to the Ministry of Overseas Development, The Department of Education and Science, and a new recruitment and placement agency. The other option suggested it could be retained, but that all work overseas should be done from diplomatic missions.

Once again, not only the great and the good but also the small and unknown protested. The *apologia pro vita sua* was well put by Lord Ballantrae. The work of the British Council had brought many advantages, including a flow of trade, he said, and continued "To interrupt, reduce or cancel it would not only be against our own interests: destroy an edifice constructed with care and devotion over 40 years: leave the field open to our rivals; reduce the demand for British technological knowledge and experience, and for books technical and otherwise; and efface the work of many expert people with years of accumulated knowledge, who have dedicated their vocations to such work, it would annul a major contribution of Britain to the betterment of the world. And our friends – and enemies – overseas would think that we had taken leave of our senses."

The Council will always be vulnerable to political and financial pressures, but it has proved itself to have so many friends in high and low places that the celebrations of its centenary in 2034 will be an even more joyful occasion.

Philippa Toomey



Learning the language of traffic management: Planners in Calcutta receiving advice on a British Council-funded engineering project

Up against the Coca-Cola menace

The British Council could be said to have a vast captive audience overseas, so pre-eminent is English as an international language. The demand is enormous and to cope with it the Council has 40 centres in 30 countries in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

Officials like Peter Roe, a deputy controller (English language and literature) at the Council's London headquarters, are acutely aware that what the French term "la langue du Coca-Cola" is spreading its tentacles around the world: and, although he smiles dryly at the phrase, he stresses that there is a serious determination to put across "British English", with every modern weapon that human and technical resources can muster.

Currently the Council is launching a programme aimed at computer-assisted language learning (CALL) – what they call "more of the same but with chips". Six centres – in Singapore, Abu Dhabi, Madrid, Barcelona, Hamburg and Hongkong – are to be equipped with Acorn BBC computers.

"We are ahead of the field of any country", Mr Roe says, "but we must make sure, getting commercial partners interested as well, that we stay ahead and ensure that our overseas operations are impressive and up to date.

"What we are good at in this country is producing ideas, but we are less good at following them through. We have to see that people with more money do not come and exploit them for us."

Ralph Isaacs, a regional language officer, helps control the department that provides the umbilical cord for the people who act as trainers in units called KELTS – Key English Language Teaching – which are spread, currently 150 of them, all over the "developing" world, which takes in a wide range of development from Bangladesh to Brazil.

These are supported by a services department in London managed by experienced specialists. The British trainer not only teaches but trains teachers, revises syllabuses and writes textbooks.

Thus the effect is a wide one and at the end of four or five years the trainer can depart, leaving local staff ready to take over.

This programme is funded by the Overseas Development Administration and is aimed straight at the grass roots – or in some cases, as Ralph Isaacs points out, the "bamboo shoot roots".

Places like the Republic of the Maldives, a scattering of coral atolls 500 miles south-east of Sri Lanka, which has a tuna-fish industry and a shipping line, has a small civil service which cannot train abroad.

"Experiences in the English language are thrust at them", Mr Isaacs explains, "and without English they are not going to be able to defend their independence. With it they are able to improve their capacity to deal with the outside world."

In many countries the department has English language officers who advise on local conditions and recommend ways of putting the British message across and the English language on the local market.

To take a few examples: workers at the Jeddah and Riyadh oil refineries in Saudi Arabia have been taught English by council-recruited teachers;

In Munich, the council's English language teaching centre has taught airport and computer staff;

In Singapore, courses have been designed for all government teachers of science, mathematics and social studies to enable them to teach in English rather than in Chinese in accordance with new government policy;

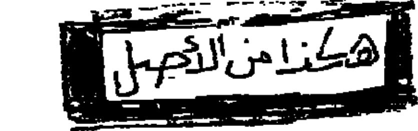
And, following the example of Greece, civil cervants in Spain are being taught English in preparation for EEC entry.

How its work is organized and funding depends on the differing factors in each of the 81 countries in which the Council is represented. An oil-rich kingdom like Saudi Arabia will pay for much of the assistance it gets either directly from the Council or some other British organization with which the Council works.

In Yemen, however, the team working on curriculum reform and the production of English for Yemen textbooks is paid for by the UDA as part of the KELTS scheme.

British publishers are frequently involved in books for language teaching courses; the pattern is being extended from books into materials using standards teaching aid in the Council's own centres and in schools and colleges in many parts of the world.

Kenneth Gosling



How the curtain was raised for the arts abroad

If you were to ask what the Amadeus Quartet, the Stan Tracey Jazz Quartet, the Academy of Ancient Music and the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble have in common, apart from making music, it is that they were all helped to win international recognition through British Council tours abroad.

They, and other soloists and groups, will be appearing on June 27 at the council's jubilee concert at The Festival Hall in the presence of Princess Anne.

But as well as all its celebrations at home, the council is sounding many trumpets abroad this year, financing to the tune of £80,000 a United States tour by the English National Opera – the first, it may be surprising to note, by a major British opera company to the USA; and spending a similar sum on funding the Los Angeles arts festival organized for the Olympics period.

This ensures that companies such as the Royal Shakespeare, the Royal Opera and the London Contemporary Dance Theatre will get a look-in at a time when international attention focuses on Los Angeles.

Yet although the council is best known for promoting British arts and artists abroad, only 13 per cent of its total resources goes to this end.

The council manages to raise barriers in many ways. The Royal Shakespeare Company is recently back from its first tour of Europe for five years, mounted by the Council and taking in six European cities including Prague.

"Without the council", the RSC said, "you cannot get behind the Iron Curtain – they have contacts out ther. They asked us to do this tour about two years ago and we had wonderful review and sell-out houses. Our association with them goes back many years."

Yet another forthcoming cultural attraction in which the council is playing a part is the Vienna Biennale for which it will be staging and choosing the British entrants.

The council has today greater cultural wealth available for export than ever before; each year it organizes or supports more than 300 drama, dance and music tours to more than 70 countries; 80 or more fine arts exhibitions to more than 50 and enters 300 films in at least 30 international festivals. And it makes 80,000 film loans from council libraries in the 81 countries where it has offices.

On an increasing scale, industrial sponsorship is "topping up" the limited amount spent on the arts. In the past two years £600,000 has been raised from commerce.

A £50,000 council subsidy, matched by a similar sum from Rank Xerox, made possible last year's round-the-world tour by the London Symphony orchestra to Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur.

Commercial backing also helped to send the RSC round Europe and Donald Sinden on a 10-country tour in April and May with Triumph Apollo's production of School for Scandal.

Success can manifest itself on the grand scale. When the largest Turner exhibition yet held overseas closed in Paris in January, nealy 600,000 people had seen it. The French said it had been "a revelation".

There was also a glowing testimonial from the director of the Caracas Museum of Contemporary Arts about the impact of the Henry Moore exhibition last year.

"Over 20,000 people came on the last day", the director wrote. "In all, we had over 200,000 visitors in eight weeks, a record for this museum."

Someone had said only the Beatles at their peak could have drawn that many people.

"We do not quite agree with that remark", the director went on. "Only because we are certain that Henry Moore has actually made a greater stir and has had a much deeper impact than the Beatles ever could, and this among and upon a far more significant segment of the population."

This success abroad has brought increased pressure for visits by the artists of other countries to be given official aid and this is recognised by the existence of the Visiting Arts Unit.

However successful the prestige visit to another country by a leading British artist, company or exhibition may be, the Council does provide subsidy for events it considers will be appreciated overseas and reflect well on Britain. It does not, it points out, concern itself exclusively with Britain's most prestigious and glamorous arts companies.

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Prestige productions that succeeded overseas – thanks to the British Council: *Much Ado About Nothing* (picture: Derek Jacobi and Sinead Cusack) *Swan Lake* and *The School for Scandal* (Donald Sinden and Beryl Reid)

Working towards a revival

In 1974, 25 years of the British Council's work in Uganda came to a full stop. The books in the library were given to Makerere University, and the offices closed. Last year, the council went back to Uganda, to begin all over again.

Keith Burd is the sole London-based representative, with five locally engaged staff. He has been there for 18 months, and it is reckoned to be a tough post. "It's a difficult country, obviously," he says. "The economy is shattered and there are security problems."

Before the decline in Anglo-Ugandan relations that led to the diplomatic break with the Amin regime, there was the full range of activaties: administration, educational aid programmes, libraries, cultural visit, exchanges of people, with three offices and 11 London-based staff. Now the work is constricted in terms both of people and finance. One of Keith Burd's minor problems is that memories of the work of the British Council are of a more substantial operation than the lower level at which it now works, and something more is expected.

At the moment, the council administers a technical cooperation training programme, which will enable 190 people to come to Britain to train in public administration and finance, natural resources, transport and communications, education and security. Each candidate is selected on an individual basis, and they have to return to the job they were doing in the first place, so that they can put their skills into practice.

During 1983/84, 150 people came to Britain from Uganda, some for short study visits of two or three weeks, some for study bursaries (two to six months) and for specialist courses and Training fellowships and scholarships. From Britain went 23 visiting specialists, and one drama tour, the London Shakespeare Group, which was well-received, and a performance was attended by President Milton Obote.

Plans for further growth include the expansion of the teaching of English in a modest way by the appointment of two teachers, one at Kyambogo National Teachers College, and one for Nagongira College, Toronto.

"We are trying to do a number of things for the university and other educational institutes and organizations," says Keith Burd, "but we are hampered by the severe lack of basic facilities, like telephones and communications. Whatever the efforts are, it is difficult if the university does not have enough money to pay the salaries of their staff."

On the other hand, he is cheered by the welcome that the work receives. "They do want the contact – books and magazines are welcome, all the things they haven't had for so long. It helps to raise morale to know that other people are interested, and that we are trying to keep the lines of communication open. It's a modest ambition, but worthwhile."

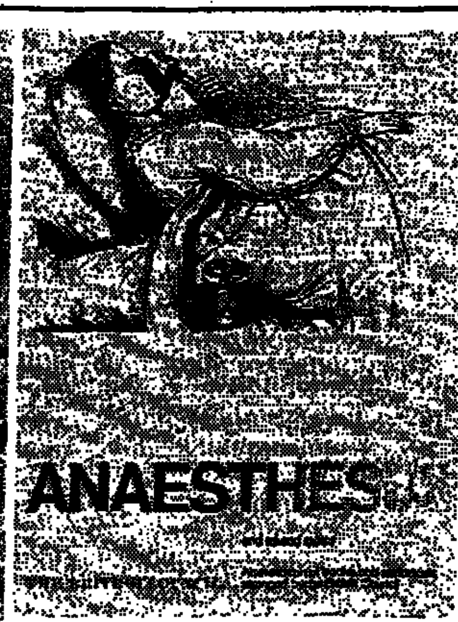
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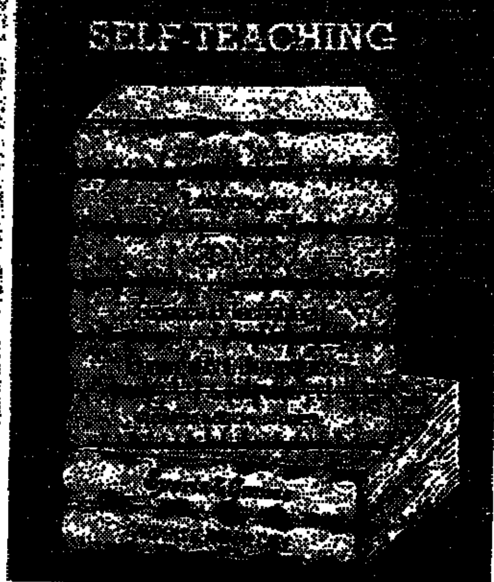
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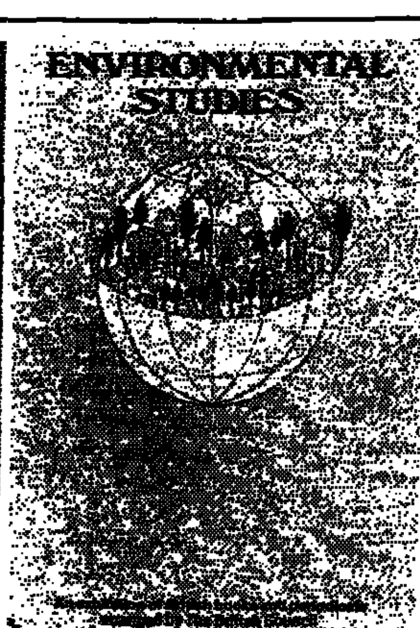
Books About Britain

An exhibition arranged by The British Council

Feeding the appetite for books about Britain: some of the council's promotions for its products







Why even Poles read in English

There is always a line of between 30 and 40 people waiting to get into the British Council library in Calcutta where the membership is a staggering 10.000 at any time. The information comes at first hand from Robin Twite who returned from there in January, on the coldest day of the year in Britain, to become the council's controller of the books, libraries and information division.

Book sales worth £350m a year

"It's an invigorating experience", he told me. "But you may ask, why are there so many? The answer is that obscure Indians have a habit of becoming not so obscure and that sort of mass library has a very great importance in the long term.

"In developing countries the demand for books and information is totally insatiable; in India, many of the people we dealt with only knew about the library.

There are 114 council libraries overseas; 80,000 Indians belong to the 13 libraries in that country. In total, worldwide there are two million books in Council libraries and last year six million issues were made to 300,000 people.

Calcutta's enormous total, incidentally, is even more remarkable viewed from the standpoint of the member who has to pay what to us might be a small fee (£4) but is to that member a not inconsiderable sum.

Not inconsiderable sums are involved in the council's general book purchasing and the help it gives British publishers in gauging and filling demand for our books abroad. Mr Twite: "The Council either directly for our own libraries or indirectly for the ODA (Overseas Development Adminsitration), is open of the biggest buyers of books in the whole of Britain. The British Library purchases £6½m-worth annually – we spend £3½. Total expenditure on books in Britain is £56m so our market share is good."

The sale of books abroad by British publishers is worth £350m a year and the council supporters this export effort by identifying demand, which can vary from country to country, and seeing that people

"In some countries it takes an act of courage to cross the line into such a place", Mr Twite says. "The value to them lies in the fact that we don't fill our libraries with instiutional propaganda – we always try to make the selction as neutral as possible.

"We want people to become familiar with what is happening in Britain, but not to forcibly feed them".

A centre for escape from tension

Readership in Ethiopia has risen by 45 per cent; and they are still open in Poland through sheer doggedness.

"In the 50s all other libraries in western Europe closed; in Poland readership fell to almost zero. But because the library remained and we didn'tsuccumb to short-term pressures, we were allowed to stay.

"It became very important when things relaxed slightly in the 60s and 70s and it remained a centre for people to escape frrom those tensions. We have not gone out of our way to take advantage of the situation.

Kenneth Gosling

David Walker reveals the three sides of the council – and its funding

Picking winners, winning friends

"Poets and politicians, scientists and artists all over the world know of the British Council and can tell you what it does," asserts a council official. But the fact is that – in Britain at least – the council's public reputation is a misleading guide to what it actually spends its £150m a year budget on.

To the public cultural diplomacy mostly means "high culture" – the operations of the council in a world of Shakespeare wallahs, London Symphony Orchestra tours of the Far East, Turner exhibitions in Paris, a Henry Moore retrospective in Florence.

The council promotes all these things and proudly, but nowadays a more accurate picture of the bulk of the council's work would feature a council official in Cairo doing the paperwork for a Egyptian water engineer coming to Britain for a short course paid for by the Overseas Development Administration.

In a sense there are three British Councils, something reflected in the complex methods by which the council receives public money. The core of its traditional "cultural" work lies in arts sponsorship, the promoting of exhibitions, the council's magnificent array of libraries (110 at the latest count) offering not only books but film and video and – increasingly – access via computers to electronic data-bases.

Within this core are the council's own scholarship programmes aimed at up-and-coming academics, officials and politicians and conceived, overtly, as a means of winning friends for Britain. Picking winners is a hazardous business – the now deposed President Shagari of Nigeria has come to Britain as a council scholar – but the council tries to keep abreast of local conditions.

This spread of council work corresponds to the portion of its main budget paid by the Foreign Office under the rubric of "overseas information". Although this amount has been reduced as a proportion of both the main budget (now just over 40 per cent) and the total budget (nearly 25 per cent) council staff give the impression that it still represents the "heart" of the organization.

But the council has – in Whitehall terms – a split personality. By far the bulk of the public money it receives comes from the Overseas Development Agency and is, in theory, intended for use in the Third World with (ODA officials say) no necessary "cultural" component at all.

The council receives a good part of its main budget from ODA (some 26 per cent this year) and in addition nearly £60m for administering ODA schemes or acting as its agent both at home and overseas.

According to an ODA official "British Council chaps have local knowledge; they are dedicated, they provide an 'infrastructure'." Until a decade ago there was a training executive within the Overseas Development Ministry (as it used to be called); now the councl administers a programme for technical cooperation which in 1983-84 brought some 8,000 fellows for study and experience in Britain. Over half came from black African countries south of the Sahara.

Where the money comes from

	£m	
A. Earnings from English classes,testing	20.2	
Administering development schemes	5.7	
Overseas Development Administration	23.0	
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	38.2	
Main budget		87.1
B. Acting as an agent for the ODA	52.9	
Acting as an agent for the UN, etc	15.6	
Agency budget		68.5
Total		155.6

Although relations between the ODA and the council are cordial, there are sometimes signs of anxiety on the former's part that money intended for developing countries is being spent elsewhere. By and large, ODA officials are full of praise for the council's network of expertise. "They have the contacts. We couldn't set up the links on our own – at least not without a substantial increase in staff."

The British Council's third face in only partly represented in its budget – in the £20m it now earns from selling British educational skills. The council is *both* a commercial organization in its own right and also an active promoter of British commercial interests overseas, notably those of the book trade.

Council officials were hurt when Tory MP Keith Hampson said that education should be as marketable as armaments and implied the council was not doing enough to generate "spin offs". In reply the council cited the rapid growth since the end of the 1970s of its teaching centres which now enrol some 52,000 fee paying students. In addition it promotes English teaching by private colleges in Britain and helped textbook publishers carve a new market in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf and South East Asia.

A sense of how the council's three sectors have moved in recent years emerges from comparing 1979-80s budget with the current year's. The council's earned revenues rose, in real terms, over the period by some 11 per cent and its earnings as an agent for ODA and others increased by over 7 per cent.

However the elements in its main budget contributed by the Foreign Office and by the ODA declined in real terms by just over 17 per cent.

The recent financial history of the British Council can be summed up by citing three "Bs" – Berrill, Blaker and Burgh. The first refers to Sir Kenneth Berrill, head of the Think Tank, the Central Policy Review Staff, which reported to the Callaghan government in 1978 that as part of a drastic overhaul of British representation overseas the council could safely and economically be abolished.

The general election of 1979 saved the council from that fate but the CPRS report set a context in which the Thatcher government looked for major savings from the council.

Under the eye of Peter Blaker, the junior Foreign Office minister, the Government ordained a 25 per cent volume reduction in the support for the council from the Foreign Office and ODA. A spirited defence of its work inside and outside Whitehall pushed the ordered savings to 18 per cent – to be delivered over the four year period that ended in March this year.

Since then the Government appears to have adopted a rather more favourable view of the council's work, but last year and this Sir John Burgh had had to fight hard to get the Treasury to recognize that the council faced special difficulties in paying for its work overseas; only the personal intervention of the Prime Minister in the last few weeks seems to have secured money sufficient to keep the councils from finding new savings.

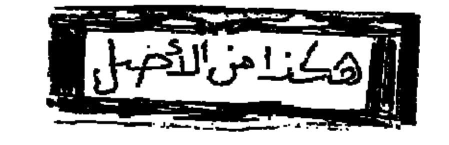
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Pearce steps nearer the GEC throne

The suggestion in this column yesterday that Sir Austin Pearce might end up as chairman of the GEC following the departure of Lord Carrington came a step nearer yesterday when British Aerospace called off its rival merger talks with Thorn-EMI. Sir Austin is still talking to GEC.

Thorn's Mr Peter Laister was not actually conceding defeat yesterday, contenting himself with a holding statement that Thorn was reviewing the situation with its advisers. However, as soon as Sir Austin's revelation of the talks at the British Aerospace annual meeting flushed Lord Weinstock out as a rival suitor, the odds have looked stacked against Thorn-EMI financially.

British Aerospace spelt this out in the most graphic way yesterday by revealing what appear to be Thorn's final terms of three Thorn-EMI shares for every four of Sir Austin's. This would have given British Aerospace shareholders an apparently generous 46 per cent of the combined company and would, on recent market prices for Thorn shares, have valued BAe's at about 400p compared with 368p at the time of the announcement. But as the statement pointed out, this offer was only as good as the value of Thorn's paper. With the stock market falling sharply since talks opened and the City far from happy about Thorn's strategy, there was no guarantee that value would hold up. Indeed, there was no guarantee that the combined company would be valued on Thorn's rating rather than BAe's lowly one.

This, naturally, is to ignore the logic of a Thorn/BAe merger, which is to use the enormous surplus cash flow from Thorn's television and video rental businesses to provide the long-term cash to fund BAe's projects, the lack of which has been the basic shadow hanging over its stock market image. However, as yesterday's BAe statement confirmed, this logic can be stood on its head as a mismatch between long and short-term businesses that require different managerial and investment strategies.

Given Sir Austin's rejection, there will be little for Mr Laister to talk about with his advisers. Without the agreement of the BAe board, it is highly unlikely that the government would agree to throwing its own stake in BAe into the merger pot.

All this must be music to Lord Weinstock's ears as it leaves the way open for GEC to press its own suit with the value of its £1.5 billion cash mountain swelling relatively with very drop in the 100 share index. It has plenty both to fund BSe's development and to provide cash ballance for an offer. Cash would suit the government. A big deal would suit GEC, which has been faced not only with charges that it does not know where it is going, but more immediately with doubts over the returns available on its cash resources in the money markets. But a deal still has to be struck and that has proved something of a stumbling block for GEC of late.

A problem of dual capacity

The Government's long and painful quest to find a successor to Sir Kenneth Sharp as head of the Government Accountancy Service is at last at an end. On October 1, Mr Anthony Wilson, a partner with accountants Price Waterhouse, steps into the hot seat. The job has been shifted from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Treasury where Mr Wilson also takes on the role of accountancy adviser to the Treasury. This underlines both the importance Mrs Thatcher gives to accounting disciplines in the civil service and also the sad fact that Sir Kenneth was in the end defeated by the mandarins.

The dual capacity role will give Mr Wilson a lot to think about. His job ranges from advising on the management accounting aspects of public expenditure control to the developmen and deployment of accountancy expertise across all Government departments.

It is a hard task and perhaps this is the justification for his £75,000 salary. However, he will face a lot of pressure both from the accountancy profession and Whitehall. From the former to enhance the standing of accountants in Government and from the latter to produce some tangible examples of improvement in departmental performance.

The Government is committed to doubling the number of accountants in the civil service to about 1,300 over the next 10 years. It will be Mr Wilson's task to channel these resources carefully. He must concentrate on bringing good accountants into the civil service rather than training civil servants how to be accountants.

Carless throws off its history

Few of Britain's oil companies can have had such an eventful last 12/months as Carless Capel, that most splendid and worthy of corporate outfits whose origins date back to the middle of the 19th century and which claims to have invented – for its sins – petrol. A £20m rights issue; the arrival and subsequent departure of a new chief executive, Mr Graham Hearne; the successful if belated acquisition of a stake in the Wytch Farm oil field in Dorset previously owned by British Gas. These are just some of the highlights of the year which Mr John Leonard, Carless' chairman, records in the latest report and accounts published yesterday. Less prominent is the fact that Mr Leonard himself, a descendant of the founder, having retired when Mr Hearne arrived from Tricentrol, was forced to return to take up the reins when the Govenment subsequently poached Mr Hearne to lead its new privatization venture, Enterprise Oil.

Mr Leonard is predicting that Carless will see "a substantial increase" in profits this year as a result of the Wytch Farm deal. Last year's profits were £4.9m pretax, double the previous year's endeabours but still a modest return after no fewer than 125 years of refinging and marketing experience. There were some costs associated with the rapid changes of the last year. A sum of £158,000 is being paid in compensation to former employees for loss of office, £75,000 of it to the managing director of Carless Chemicals as part of the management buyout deal which was announced in March. By inference the balance will be going to Mr Alfred Levy, the former managing director who left the company last year when it appeared that Mr Hearne had arrived to take on the corporate mantle. It is ironic that the company should be denied permanent leadership at the very time whe it is at last poised to break out of its century-old tradition of solid but unglamorous growth.

Fall in building society saving puts pressure on loan rates

By Vivien Goldsmith and Michael Prest

British interest rates appeared to be under further upward pressure yesterday as the building societies reported their lowest net cash receipts for nearly a year and gilt prices fell.

Net new deposits fro building society savers fell to £482m in May from £683m in April. It was the worst month for the societies since last June when they took in only £319m. Gross withdrawals in May were high at £3,950m.

At the same time, however, the societies lent a record sum of £2,204m in May, and promised another £2,434m to applicants for mortgages. As a result, the societies were forced to use the wholesale money markets to cover the difference.

A net £281m was raised in this way, the biggest such exercise since last October. The change in the societies' financing requirements was particularly noticeable because they were net repayers of £23m to the banking system in April.

The building socities cut their ordinary share account interest rate by 1 percentage point to 6.25 per cent in March. Mr Richard Weir, secretary general of the Building Societies Association, admitted yesterday that savings may have declined in May because competing interest rates were more attractive.

But he also said that societies were launching new savings instruments with higher interest rates and should be able to entice some of the business back. "We do not see ourselves under pressure at the current level of interest rates for the time being", he added.

Building society sources pointed out that withdrawals normally rose at this time of year to pay for holidays and that the high level of lending may have been caused by people trying to complete home improvements before June 1 when they became liable to Value Added Tax.

Nevertheless, the sources expect that monthly lending will continue to run at more than £2,000m. The societies' liquidity ratio is now down to 19 per cent, and it would be worse but for their being able to buy each other's certificates of deposit.

Purchases of CDs rose from £33m in April to £146m last month. The societies have been reducing their liquidity by £200m a month since their gilts investments were made less attractive.

The gilts market was beset by fears that the May Public Sector Borrowing Requirement figures would be bad for the Government, and a runner, subsequently denied, that Dr Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers would forecast a rise of 4 points in American interest rates. Short-dated stocks fell ⅜ of a point, while the fall in longs was almost a whole point.

These rumours, and the evidence that the building societies are having difficulty attracting adequate funds, could revive the conviction, widespread in the market until the last money supply figures were published, that interest rates must go up.

NatWest in US deal

National Westminster Bank is to buy a part of the company loan portfolio and the associated deposits of Bankers Trust in the United States.

The deal involves about $400m (£286m) of loans to companies with annual sales of $30m or less. Associated deposits of $175m will be included in the deal, which will be subject to clearance from the US regulatory authorities.

The consideration is not being disclosed at this stage, but it is not thought to be significant for either National Westminster or the US bank.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1067.1 down 8.8 (high: 1067.9; low: 1062.3)
FT Index: 834.1 down 4.0
FT Gilts: 78.69 down 0.34
FT All Share: 498.52 down 3.46
Bargains: 18,036
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 105.29 down 0.57
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1107.00 down 8.61
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,324.85 down 52.0
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 958.90 down 7.22
Amsterdam: 156.1 down 1.1
Sydney: AO Index 666.0 down 13.5
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1,004.8 down 2.7
Brussels: General Index 146.83 down 1.08
Paris: CAC Index 169.8 down 1.8
Zurich: SKA General Index 298.6 down 3.2

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.3825 down 75pts
Index 79.5 down 0.1
DM 3.7750 up 0.0050
FrF 11.5950 up 0.0250
Yen 321.75 down 0.25

Dollar
Index 131.0 down 0.4
DM 2.7250 down 0.0125

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3832
Dollar DM 2.7250

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.593034
SDR £0.749377

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9¼
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8¾
3 month interbank 9½ - 9⅜

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11$^{11}/_{16}$ - 11$^{9}/_{16}$
3 month DM 5⅞ - 5¾
3 month FrF 13¼ - 13⅛

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 10$^{13}/_{16}$
Treasury long bond 98$^{17}/_{32}$ - 98$^{21}/_{32}$

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period May 2 to June 5, 1984 inclusive: 9.516 per cent.



Professor Smith: plea to freeze Lonrho holding

Lonrho pact pressure from OFT

By Philip Robinson

The Office of Fair Trading is still pressing Lonrho for undertakings that it will not increase its influence over the House of Fraser stores group. A Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the possible merger between the two is due to be carried out.

But Lonrho refuse to comment on whether agreement has been reached, but inconclusive discussions with the OFT have been going on for more than a fortnight. The undertakings are designed to preserve the "status quo" and not prejudice the commission's inquiry.

Members of the panel which will decide whether an investigation is necessary have now been selected. If Lonrho fail to give undertakings, Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has the power to make an order to see that the "status quo" is kept.

The Department of Trade and Industry says it has no knowledge of an imminent statement on the issue despite both Lonrho and House of Fraser executives believing that a statement from Mr Tebbit will be made ths week.

Professor Roland Smith, House of Fraser chairman, and Mr Ernest Sharp, property director, have written to Mr Tebbit and seen Mr Alex Fletcher, the Minister for corporate and consumer affairs. They have impressed on both the need to freeze the Lonrho holding to stop it being used to unseat the two House of Fraser directors at the annual shareholders' meeting.

The meeting has been postponed from June 28

Argentina bypasses IMF debt team

By Our City Staff

The International Monetary Fund is unlikely to be satisfied by the austerity measures proposed unilaterally by Argentina in a letter of intent delivered directly to the IMF headquarters in Washington.

Senior IMF officials were taken aback by the unorthodox approach in going over the heads of a five-man IMF team in Buenos Aires.

But Argentine's economy Minister, Senor Bernado Grintun, denied that lack of prior approval from the IMF negotiating team meant a rupture with the organization and said the letter of intent in fact "marks the formal beginning of negotiations."

Argentina's letter of intent requested a reported short-term credit of £1.1 billion from the IMF to help meet the £5.5 billion interest payments due this year on foreign debt totalling $43 billion.

The IMF requires an acceptable letter of intent outlining economic policy guidelines before granting emergency credit to any member nation.

The text, released in Buenos Aires, confirmed speculation that the six-month government of President Raol Alfonsin had adopted a tough stance with the IMF and private foreign creditors. Senor Grintun, in his letter to the IMF President, M Jacques de la Roissiere, said his government would take "self-protective measures" to ensure that foreign debt repayments did not "endanger political and social stability".

Argentina failed to reach an agreement on several key points with the IMF negotiators who were required to give prior approval to the Argentine programme, according to goverment sources.

The Alfonsin administration then reportedly decided to send its unorthodox proposals direct to M Roissiere in the hope that the IMF Board of Directors would approve them.

The letter reveals a growth-orientated economic programme that apparently violates traditional IMF guidelines on several points: it proposes a high-budget deficit of 9.6 per cent of the gross domestic product at the end of this year, contains no significant cuts in the federal budget, and insists on President Alfonsin's commitment to raise public-sector real wages by 6-8 per cent this year, agreed with the main opposition party.

Trade figures in the letter of intent predicted a foreign trade surplus of $3.8 billion this year but did not specify what percentage would be used to meet repayments on the debt.

The proposal implies a need for $3.1 billion in fresh credit (above and beyond what it may receive from the IMF) to meet the $5.5 billion in interest payments due before December.

ECGD cover increased for Mexico

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

British exporters to Mexico will be able to call on increased medium-term cover this year from the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

The decision, announced yesterday, follows an ECGD review of Mexico's successful debt adjustment programme last year, after running into financial difficulties.

The Minister for Trade, Mr Paul Channon, announcing the decision, said: "I hope the continued success of the Mexican programme will mean more cover can be made available in subsequent years."

Proper adjustment programmes increased mark of confidence and brought benefits to a debtor country, to British exports and to world growth, he pointed out.

The minister was speaking at an Institute of Directors conference in London where Mr Jack Gill, secretary of the ECGD, reviewed the department's role following the Sir Peter Mathews committee recommendation that it should become a public corporation in a semi-privatization move, although still with Government backing.

Mr Gill, commenting on the ECGD insurance role, said: "We are bound to ask whether the private sector can provide the facilities given by ECGD, and if not why not?"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Disney bid fought off

Walt Disney Productions has fought off a threat to its independence by buying back 11.1 per cent of its shares held by Mr Saul Steinberg's Reliance Group.

The move ended Reliance's bid to take over Disney and netted the financier Mr Steinberg, a gross profit of $59.8m on his investment of $265.6m.

Mr Peter Miller, chairman of the Lloyd's of London insurance market, will tell members at this month's annual meeting that the market's central funds will not be used to meet the losses of individual "names" who back underwriting syndicates.

Lloyd's also announced that the annual reports of syndicates will be available for public inspection from this week.

● ARTHUR GUINNESS, the brewers, yesterday announced half-year pretax profits of £29.2m (£24.3m) on sales £11.8m lower at £424.1m. The interim dividend is 1.82p net (1.6555p).

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● FERGUSON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS, the packaging to building supplies group, has increased pretax profits for the year to February 29, 1984 from £3.8m to £6.5m. Turnover increased to £137.4m from £119.2m. The final dividend of 4p makes 6.5p for the year against 5.7p last time.

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● Metal Box to pay a net dividend of 15p (11.55p), after a £28m jump in pretax profits to £70m for the year to March 31, 1984. Net borrowing fell £65m to £55m. Tempus, page 21

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am $37[illegible] pm $375 close $37[illegible] ($[illegible]8.75) New York [illegible] $371

Insurers face new satellite blow

London insurance brokers yesterday were attempting to assess the effect of a $63m (£45.4m) insurance claim which the market is due to pay to the owners of a communications satellite lost minutes after its launch from Florida last Saturday, writes Bill Johnstone, our Technology Correspondent.

The third substantial claim within six months, it represents about 60 per cent of the $102m insured value of the spacecraft

In February London acounted for about £75m of the compensation to be paid to the owners of two satellites lost by the American Shuttle within days of each other. The first called Weststar 6, owned by Western Union, with a cover of $105m had 50 per cent of its insurance in the London market. An Indonesian communications satellite, Palapa B2, was reinsured for $75m of which two-thirds was placed in London.

Iran and Iraq sell cheap despite war

Oil supply confidence

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Iraq and Iran are still offering oil at discount rates to world traders to maintain their foreign exchange earnings – despite the continuing Gulf war.

The West, during the past two months, has built up its stocks by more than 200,000 barrels a day, because of the war.

However, the increase in stocks and the impact of the two countries' attacks on shipping in the Gulf region have largely been discounted by oil traders on the Rotterdam and Singapore markets.

Iran is prepared to compensate for increased insurance rates for tankers entering the Gulf to collect cargoes of Iranian oil. Iraq is also offering prices below the price set by the Organizaon of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

According to BP statistics, world oil stocks are now running at just over 100 days' supply. About 60 days' stocks are held by governments as strategic reserves, the remainder by industry and oil companies.

Mr Russell Seal, BP general manager of trading and supply, said yesterday that any doubts about the security of world supplies would have been reflected in market prices. "But so far the markets have not moved," he said.

Yesterday, BP published its 1984 statistical review of world energy, which shows that the steady downward trend in demand for oil in the three years following 1979, now appears to be levelling out.

In 1980, 81 and 82, oil demand dropped by 3.1 per cent each year. Last year, it dropped by 1.1 per cent to 2,794 million tonnes, the same as in 1973.

Consumption in the west in 1983 fell by 3.1 per cent to 585.7 million tonnes, the lowest since 1969. The world's largest oil consumer, the United States, reduced its consumption by 0.7 per cent to 700.3 million tonnes.

In Britain demand was down by 4.1 per cent to 72.4 million tonnes. Consumption in Germany fell by 2.2 per cent to 109 million tonnes, in France by 2.4 per cent to 88.7 million tonnes.

The BP figures also show that the share of world oil markets held by the Opec fell in past year by 8.1 per cent to 32.5 per cent of world production. Britain has increased its output from the North Sea by 11.1 per cent to 114.9 million tonnes a year and Norway by 24.7 per cent to 30.6 million tonnes.

Amoco find in Moray Firth

A potentially significant oil find has been made in the Moray Firth by a consortium headed by Amoco and including Britoil, Conoco and Gulf UK.

Amoco has found oil adjoining the Etterick field where significant discoveries have already been made. Further appraisal work is planned and the discovery could provide the catalyst for bringing the Etterick field into production.

Another US oil company operating in the North Sea yesterday confirmed that its £404m investment to bring the Balmoral field into production is on schedule, and that it will easily meet the Government's unofficial requirement that more than 70 per cent of the investment will be spent in Britain.

Sun Oil, America's 18th largest corporation, was criticized by the Department of Energy this year when it placed an order for the £111m production rig in Sweden.

The other major component for the field, the £4.5m undersea template has been completed on time and in budget at the Dundee yard of Kestrel Marine.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities slip back

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 4. Dealings End, June 15. § Contango Day, June 18. Settlement Day, June 25
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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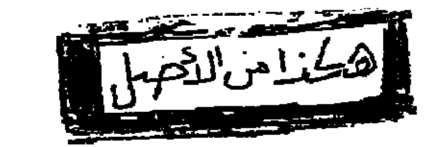
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Dee Corp increases its stake in Booker McConnell

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

The Dee Corp underlined its intention to gain control of Booker McConnell, the agricultural to pharmaceutical products distributor, yesterday by spending an extra £7m in the market to increase its stake.

Last night it was confirmed that Dee now owns a total of about 18 million shares, or roughly 15 per cent of the total issued equity.

The news was treated cautiously by Mr Michael Caine, chairman of Booker, who said: "We understand that is the case".

Mr Caine is still opposed to the bid and urges shareholders to take no action. Dee has already bid three of its own shares, plus 400p worth of 10 per cent of convertible unsecured loan stock 1999/2001 for every 10 shares of Booker.

This valued Booker's shares at 165p each. By last night's close the group was valued at £234.7m with the shares closing down 3p at 187p – still well below Dee's initial bid of 165p a share.

Takeover speculation continues to buzz around Minster Assets, the financial group. persistent overseas buying lifted the shares 3p to 145p yesterday suggesting that a new shareholding will have to be disclosed shortly. The Kuwait Investment Office already has nearly 19 per cent.

The market speculators are still hoping for news of a white knight willing to increase the terms for Booker and rescue it from the clutches of Dee.

Shares never really recovered from an early burst of selling. At the first call over the FT index was down 7.1 points as worries about interest rates and Wall Street's weakness produced sellers. But once the initial disposals were completed the selling dried up and trading came to a virtual halt.

The index hovered around until late afternoon when shares of two constituents, **Thorn-EMI** and **General Electric**, improved on the announcement that Thorn has apparently given up its quest for British Aerospace.

With Thorn up 15p to 557p and GEC recovering a fall to hold at an unchanged 180p the index decline was cut to four points at 834.1 points.

Government stocks had a ragged day although they closed above worst levels. Even so falls were up to £¾.

Central and Sheerwood, the engineering group, eased ½p to 9½p after new chairman Lord Eden said it had swung from a £41,000 profit to a £4.9m loss. Exceptional and extraordinary items accounted for around £4m. A much better performance is forecast for the present year with a return to profits next year.

Garage group **Adams and Gibbon** surged 12p to 166p after it was disclosed that a consortium headed by Messrs S. Shaw and K. Chaudhry and friends had acquired a 16 per cent shareholding. "We have had no meetings with them and know nothing about them", said Mr Richard Adams, chairman of the family controlled company.

Queens Moat Houses, strong on Monday following an institutional visit, held at 46p. **Prince of Wales Hotels**, where Taddale Investments now has 60 per cent, was unchanged at 82p. **Comfort Hotels International** was 43p as dealings started in its new convertible loan stock. Profit forecasts for the present year are suggesting £3.6m against £2.4m.

Gomba Holdings, the major vehicle of Mr Abdul Shamji, has increased its shareholdings in Belgrave, the forging concern, to more than 32 per cent following recent market buys. **Belgrave's** shares slipped 4p to 132p.

Newcomer **Hunter Saphir**, the food group, made an impressive start. Against expectations of an 18p premium it hit 150p, 30p above the placing price.

Birmis Qualcast, the lawnmower group, gained 2½p to 84p as takeover speculation revived. Another to improve was engineers **John Brown**, up 3p to 26p. It seems that prospects for the deeply troubled group are improving and the rescue plan is going through. The fact that one stockjobber was short of stock also helped.

Home Charm was unchanged at 153p after news of the £7m acquisition of Unit Sales, a Middlesex-based company which operates a chain of home improvement centres. Home Charm is issuing about £4m worth of 7 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1997/2004, to help pay for the company. Last year, Unit Sales made pretax profits of £902,000.

Dramatic downward re-rating of Pactrol, makers of electrical energy saving controls, appears at last to be over. The year's profits were down from £461,000 to £429,000, putting the shares, now 203p, on 10.5 times earnings. Current year's profits should be modestly better but the high flying days when they hit 485p are likely to remain a mere memory for some considerable time.

Weighed down by the never ending threat of world debt and higher interest rates bank shares continued to lose ground. Nervous selling clipped 5p from **Barclays** at 496p, 10p from **Lloyds Bank** at 529p, **Midland** 2p at 332p, **National Westminster** 5p at 559p, while **Bank of Scotland** was unchanged at 324p. **Royal Bank of Scotland** bucked the trend rising 2p to 314p still awaiting terms of the Monopolies Commision inquiry into Lloyds Bank expected any day.

The modest rally in the gilt market made little impact on the discount houses where prices closed at their low for the day. **Carter Allen Holdings** dipped 10p to 443p in ex-dividend form. **Gerrard & National** lost 5p to 287p, while **King & Shaxson** eased 2p to 148p. The only two to resist the trend were **Jessel Toynbee** 1p to 89p and **Seccombe Marshall** 10p to 310p.

The composite insurance companies fared little better as nervous selling again took its toll. **Phoenix Assurance**, the butt of several brokers sell recommendations' in recent days, continued to take its toll .The shares lost anothe 6p to 440p with brokers Rowe & Pitman, and Laurie Milbank both taking a bearish view of the shares.

Elsewhere, **Commercial Union** slipped 3p to 214p, **London United Investments** 3p to 215p, And **Royal Insurance** 5p to 561p.

Marking down by the jobbers did little for the insurance brokers most of which closed lower. Even **Hogg Robinson** slipped 3p to 183p despite rumours that the Merican broker Shearson American Express was casting an appreciative eye. Other losers included **CE Heath** 3p to 423p, **Minet Holdings** 1p to 157p, **Reed Stenhouse** 5p to 645p, **Sedgwick Gorup** 1p to 244p, **Stewart Wrightson** 2p to 363p and **Willis Faber** 3p to 804p.

Bass, our biggest brewing group, was 3p down at 380p as speculation mounted that it has a leading hotel acquisition in its sights.

It is thought that the group, which recently reported a 35 per cent interim profits advance, is looking at an American hotel chain. Bass is already a big force in the British hotel industry and is represented on the Continent.

Mr Derek Palmar, chairman, has made a number of comments recently indicating that a hotel take over, if not in the US then in Europe, was high among the group's priorities.

On many occasions Bass has been linked with **Ladbroke Group** which has extensive hotel interests. But any bid would, with the two also overlapping on betting shops, almost certainly suffer a Monopolies Commission reference. Ladbroke has been extending its property operations – it is raising £54m to develop its US property side – and there has been vague talk that it may be prepared to sell its hotels, or at least a major proportion of them, to Bass. Ladbroke was 3p lower at 212p.

Shares of Fitch Lovell, the food group, slipped 2p to 149p after 60 card members lunch in the City with a leading firm of stockbrokers. Analysts are looking for between £15m and £16m compared with £14.6m last time. The lunch appears to have done little to alter the market's original forecast.

The bullion price continued to lose ground closing at $375 an ounce which produced early selling of gold shares. Prices recovered later in the day to close above their worst levels of the day. Among the heavyweights, **Hartebeest** close $1 lower at $80½, **Klook** $½ to $52¾, **President Brand** $½ to $44¾, while **Randfontein** closed unchanged at $150½.

At the cheaper levels, prices were a bit more resilient. **Loraine** lost 12 cents at 443

Equity turnover on June 11, was £184.189m (14,894 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded was 102.1 million. Gilt bargains totalled 3,216.

TEMPUS

Martin poised to become a sweetener for Guinness

The half-yearly figures from Arthur Guinness were inevitably overshadowed yesterday by the implications of the nearly-clinched bid for Martin the Newsagent. Nevertheless, it is apparent that Martin will be joining a group which is now bearing the fruits of rigorous rationalization and cost-cutting and is hungry for growth.

Profits of £29.2m for the latest six months were towards the top end of analysts' forecasts. They were drawn from growth in the US, where sales of lager, Guinness and Bass rocketed by no less than 40 per cent. That is from a relatively small base, but it shows the scope in a large consumer market free of the restrictions besetting our own tight little isle.

However, although earnings rose 39 per cent, the dividend is boosted by less than *10* per cent to 1.82p a share, thanks to the need to conserve resources for investment. The efficiency gains will soon run out, and the maturity of the Guinness markets both here and in Ireland mean that expansion has to come from elsewhere.

That is where Martin comes in. It is closely intended to be a platform for a strategic move into consumer goods retailing. Newspapers, tobacco and sweets will be used to attract people into the shops. Then the plan is to present them with a tempting range of other products carrying fatter margins.

A clue to future intentions may lie in the company's Irish operations, where it is involved in soft drinks, wines and spirits. It is an open secret that Guinness would have liked a United Kingdom retail chain more closely related to the drinks business, such as off-licences. But no such nationwide chain exists. So it is possible that Martin will be developed into drinks outlets, if the licensing authorities will permit it.

For the foreseeable future, though, the group's front-line troops will be engaged in pushing stout and lager overseas. After the US, Germany. Then the rest of the OECD list.

The Takeover Code inhibits official forecasts for the year, but £68m looks on simply by repeating the traditional half-to-half split and extrapolating the present trend. At a share price of 146p, that would give a price-earnings ratio of 6.4 – undemanding for a stake in Mr Ernest Saunder, a talented leader who still feels he has much to prove.

Ferguson

Ferguson Industrial Holdings is keen to pursue a policy of growth by acquisition, but only if the price is right. Four times last year it entered negotiations to buy companies in the building supplies sector and four times it came away empty-handed.

Ferguson has made no secret of its intentions to expand in this sector but, as the vendors found out, this enthusiasm is not allowed to cloud the commercial realities of and acquisition. Ferguson would not be tempted into an auction. The companies on offer priced themselves out of the acceptable investment category. At a p/e ratio of between 10 and 12 they might have been bought; but they wanted half as much again.

Building supplies contributed over 30 per cent of Ferguson's trading profit last year, and without any acquisitions the division has now reached a profits plateau. However, it returns 22 per cent on capital employed which is enough to keep the management content until the next investment opportunity arises.

At an industrial holdings company, Ferguson is keeping its options open. It has non-disclosable stakes in 15 publicly quoted companies. These are used as means of introduction allowing Ferguson to assess whether there is any common ground. More often than not tentative approaches are turned down but gains on the sale of the investment will normally compensate for the disappointment.

Printing and packaging continues to be Ferguson's biggest profit earner, contributing £4.6m out of £7m at the trading level. Problems still abound, however, in the manufacturing division even though losses have been checked quite considerably. Further rationalization can be expected in the coming year.

One option open to Ferguson is the creation of a consortium with other companies in a similar field. This approach is being considered for the steel flooring business and also for the company's ship repairing interests.

With net borrowings now down to 10 per cent of shareholders' funds Ferguson is ideally poised to pursue its acquisition policy when opportunities arise.

The share price was up 4p to 146p yesterday but with internal growth prospects likely to slow down in the short term it may take an acquisition to bring out the real improvement.

Metal Box

Stocks down; massive rationalization/redundancy charges (£23m) below the line; subsidiaries sold off to major trading competitors in South Africa; nil volume sales gains; and huge hike in the dividend – Metal Box looks to have back-from-the-brink trends in British industry.

Were the process to continue indefinitely, presumably Metal Box would eventually forget about trading, transforming itself into a cash-laden coffin, crafted for some predator. A flat sales forecast for the current year lends weight to this view.

Yet the Metal Box board claims emphatically that last year represents far more than an aggressive rearguard performance, insisting that retrenchment of the early eighties paves the way for expansion now. A £30m jump in last year's capital spending to £76m endorses such optimism. So too do the whispers about new Metal Box products on the launching ramp.

Metal Box knows how to slice internally, witness the £15m profits upturn at the Open Top packaging side, and the Stelrad central heating division. Both cash and long-term management time contributed to the turnround.

Yet last year's extraordinary South African deal contains the most potent metaphor for Metal Box future. Subsidiary packaging interests were turned into associates of a Barlow Rand subsidiary raising £40m in cash; generating a surplus of £30m over book value which conv eniently netted off against the reorganization costs.

The group sounds keen to build on its Kaffir success and try for a similar, far larger, deal shortly. Lingering market doubts about its ability to negotiate out the big one may have led to the slight stock market underperformance since February. But at 342p, on a prospective p/e of 4.9 and a target yield of 8 per cent, the shares look a premium buy

Economic commentary by Tim Congdon

The brave new world of zero inflation

Medals for bravery are rarely awarded in peacetime. This is a pity because the London Business School certainly deserves one for organizing a seminar last week on the theme "Towards Zero Inflation". Although the goal of price stability has been endorsed by the Government, attitudes towards it still vary from the lukewarm to the incredulous.

The scepticism is understandable. Consumer prices have risen in this country every year since 1934. There have been two generations for whom inflation has become part of the way of life, almost an assumption of thought. Everyone takes it for granted that there will be inflation, just as they take it for granted that London buses are red and Nelson's column is in Trafalgar Square. It seems an outrage for the LBS to challenge something so established and familiar.

The doubters about price stability are numerous but they all tend to express their objections in the same way. They start off by saying that price stability is not feasible, a view they hold presumably because they cannot remember a time when prices were stable. On this point they are just plain wrong.

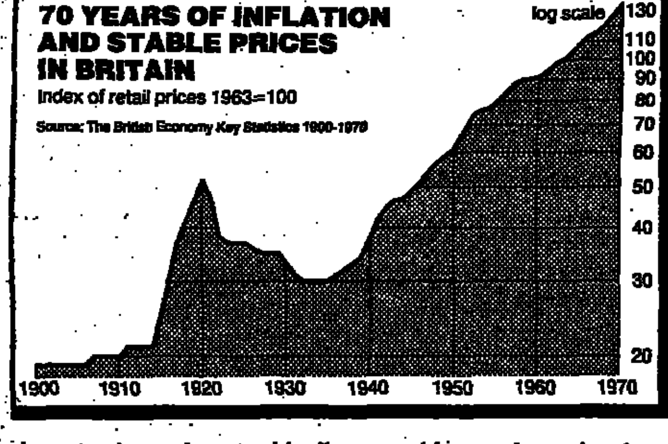
There are countless examples of societies which have kept the price level roughly constant over several years. Indeed, in some cases it has been achieved over several centuries. More pointedly, the rate of increase in the retail price index has been brought down in Britain from 22 per cent in early 1980 to 5 per cent today. If this has been possible, why should a further reduction to zero be so difficult?

The doubters have to concede feasibility. So their next step is to claim that price stability is not desirable. Their view is that heavy costs would be involved in reaching it and that would not confer worthwhile benefits once attained. "Heavy costs" in this context means more unemployment and less output.

All this is well-trodden and perhaps rather bleak polemical territory which the non-economist may not want to see traversed again. The argument tends to assume a highly technical and theological tone. But it is important to point out a common inconsistency in the position taken by opponents of sound financial policies.

They are inclined to claim, first, that unemployment is so high that measures to reduce it would not be inflationary and, second, that attempts to cut inflation further would cause more unemployment. One or the other of these propositions must be wrong. If unemployment is so high that a reduction would not be inflationary, falling inflation must be compatible at worst with a stabilization of unemployment. No extra unemployment need be required to achieve price stability.

To use economists' vocabulary, if the number of people out-of-work is above Prof. Milton Friedman's natural rate, falling unemployment can be reconciled with falling inflation. This is not to deny that the speed of the fall in inflation is inversely related to the rate of decline in unemployment or that many economists regard the natural rate theory, with all its ideological trappings as bunkum.



It is true that a determined anti-inflationary programme in an economy with 20 per cent inflation will, in the short run, cause employment and output losses. It is also true that in Britain today most of these costs have already been incurred. In effect, "the short run" is over. A move to stable prices would not be noticeably painful. In his paper to the LBS seminar, Dr Bill Robinson summed up the evidence: "Whatever your theory of inflation it is hard not to be more optimistic now than at any time in the past five years."

And what is the purpose of it all? What is so specially virtuous about a price level which is held constant over an indefinitely long period of time? There is a broad theoretical argument in its favour, but the advantages are also suggested empirically by those periods in recent history when prices have been relatively stable.

Although Britain has had inflation continuously for 50 years, an attempt was made in the late 1950s to check it by othodox monetary restraint. The attempt was derided by most economists of the time (just as the Thatcher Government's programme was derided in 1980 and 1981), but the result was a two-year period when the retail price index showed little change. Between the second quarter of 1958 and the first quarter of 1960 it increased by a mere 0.3 per cent.

What happened to the economy as a whole? Was it struggling under the yoke of a doctrinaire monetarist government indifferent to unemployment and stagnation? On the contrary, these were the years of "you never had it so good" when living standards rose faster than ever before or since. The notion that very low inflation was bought by economic misery could not be more clearly at variance with the facts.

Perhaps more compelling examples are provided by the United States. In this century there have been two phases of approximate price stability, the first in the 1920s and the second in the 1950s and early 1960s. Between 1922 and 1929, the overall price level rose by only 1.4 per cent, with the largest change in any one year being a fall of 2.7 per cent in 1927. In the 1950s and early 1960s there was a systematic upward trend in prices, but it was very mild. The average annual increase in producer prices between 1952 and 1964 was a mere 0.7 per cent.

The 1920s, and the 1950s and early 1960s, were without question the golden ages of American capitalism. Both periods saw low unemployment and substantial output growth in an environment of unusual social and political tranquillity. Since the mid-1960s there has been a continuous deterioration in all aspects of economic performance as the inflation rate has risen.

The association between cautious financial policies, stable prices and economic progress seems if anything more convincing in America than in Britain. In the long run, the establishment and maintenance of price stability is not costly, but instead, brings significant benefits. The most successful periods enjoyed by market economies in the 20th century have also been periods with the closest approximation to price stability.

The question arises of why there should be a link of this kind. The explanation, in general terms, is surely not very elusive. A market economy relies on the price mechanism for its success because prices convey vital information about the relative abundance and scarcity of different products and services. If the overall price level is stable, the price mechanism is at its most effective in performing this role.

If inflation is rampant, the meaning of any individual price becomes opaque. People have to assess whether the price of an object is "high" because it is scarce or because its seller has just adjusted in line with the inflation rate. As an Argentinian or Israeli will confirm, the costs of making these assessments are unbearable when inflation is running at 20 per cent a month. They are still present, although much lower, with inflation at 5 per cent a year. When a government eliminates them completely by keeping the price level stable, it is making an enormous contribution to economic efficiency.

The interesting and controversial issue does not relate to price stability itself. It is, of course, both feasible and desirable. The Government is absolutely right to recognize its validity as a policy goal.

The puzzle is instead why so many economists in universities and opinion-formers in the media pour scorn on the idea. They may be worried that they never want to be caught saying the obvious; or they may fancy themselves as social critics whose function is, after all, to criticize; or they may believe deep down that price stability is the ideal, but know that some residual imperfection is necessary to sustain politicians' demand for their advisory services. If any of these explanations is right, they should not be surprised if the Government does not greatly respect their views.

The importance of last week's seminar is that it suggests some economists are prepared to stick their necks out by recommending the obvious, endorsing a government objective without qualification and advocating an ideal solution rather than one which is confessed to be second-best.

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MONEY MARKETS

Nervousness about the outlook for interest rates has been reemerging this week. Following weakness in US bonds overnight, London money markets displayed increasing concern yesterday. This was reflected in some degree of firming in longer period rates and softening in the shorter dates.

Meanwhile, cheap financing returned to the day-to-day market. Discount houses paid between 8¾ per cent and 8½ per cent for funds in the early stages. By lunchtime, money was responding to bids at 8 per cent.

However, the authorities found it necessary to give assistance on a larger scale than their forecast of £200m shortage would have suggested was necessary.

They bought £197m of bills at the end of the morning at established intervention rates, mostly band-four paper, then took a further £33m of bills in the afternoon, and finally topped up with £20m of late additional assistance to make a total of £250m.

Rates came easier in the afternoon, and houses eventually ruled off within bounds of 5 per cent and 7 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Quietly firm for much of the day, the dollar got a late fillip from New York support on expectations of an upturn in US interest rates.

Some chart buying was noted as Fed funds picked up smartly from earlier lower levels. The pound moved narrowly throughout, but strengthened in later trading in step with the dollar. It closed about ¾ cents down at 1.3825 (1.3895) against the dollar, though its international value eased 0.1 to 79.5. Although Europe returned after their one-day holiday, no significant increase in trade was noted, though business became busier during the afternoon.

Lower at first, sterling rallied to end better in terms of the mark, 3.7750 (3.7700), Swiss franc, 3.1550 (3.1450), and French franc, 11.5950 (11.5700), while the yen rate, 321.75 finished unchanged.

Early profit-taking behind Argentina's latest moves to extend its debt repayments schedule was soon overcome in the dollar, and some "hedge" buying on Gulf War.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

Carlton spends £6.2m on stage prop firm

Carlton Communications is expanding its presence in the TV and film industry with the acquisition of £6.2m of Superhire, the largest prop-hire company in Europe.

Superhire occupies more than 60,000 sq ft of warhouse space in an area of Acton, West London, known to the film industry as "Prop City", which contains an Aladdin's cave of film and theatrical props.

Superhire made £850,000 in pretax profits in the year to mid-May. The purchase price is being raised through the issue of 1.65m new Carlton shares, most of which have been condition ally placed by Hambros Bank.

Mr Michael Green, Carlton's chairman, announced the acquisition along wth results for the year to the end of last March which showed pretax profits up from £1.37m to £1.95m. The interim dividend rises from 1.6p to 1.95p.

In brief

● MICROGEN HOLDINGS: Half-year to April 30, 1984. Turnover £2.63m (£1.66m). Pretax profit £866,000 (£409,000). Interim payment: 3p (2p).

● LEIGH INTERESTS: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £27.1m (£28.51m). Pretax profit £559,000 (against loss of £573,000). Total dividend doubled to 2p a share. The board reports that Leigh has made a promising start to the current year, with results better than the similar period last year.

● CHARLES BAYNES: half-year to March 31, 1984 (compared with half-year to June 30, 1983). Turnover £1.76m (£1.07m). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £242,000 (£206,000). Interim payment: 0.5p (0.312p). During the second half-year, the board expects to see substantial growth in the group's activities. Baynes has bought Lyver Cleaning Systems for 70,700 ordinary shares and at Baynes's option, a cash payment or an issue of shares in 1986 based on Lyver's future profits.

● RECKITT & COLMAN AUSTRALIA: Half-year to April 30, 1984. Sales up 13.8 per cent at $A150.04m (about £97m). Pretax profits up by 44.4 per cent to $A17.69m (£11.4m). Interim payment: 8 cents (7.5 cents).

● STANDARD FIREWORKS: Year to March 31, 1984. Pretax profit, £1.2m (£1.01m). Dividend: 5p (4.5p, adjusted).

● ICI AUSTRALIA: Half-year to March 31, 1984. Attributable net profit $A34.43m (about £22m), against $A1.07m. Sales $A717.32m ($A621.75m). Interim dividend 7 cents (6 cents).

● MINSLO INTERNATIONAL (USM quotation): Results for 1983. Turnover $26.18m (about £18.8m), against $18.27m. Pretax loss $13.64m (loss $12.13m). No dividend (same).

● PLAXTONS (GB): Half-year to April 1, 1984. Turnover £15.62m (£14.36m). Pretax profit £982,000 (£479,000). Interim payment: 1.5p (same). Board warns that the sharply higher profits in the second half last year will not be repeated.

● "THE TIMES" VENEER CO: NO dividend for 1983 (same). Turnover £4.61m (£4.06m). Pretax profit £42,000 (loss, £181,000).

● EAST MIDLAND ALLIED PRESS: In connexion with EMAP's offer for up to 29.99 per cent of Lincolnshire Standard Group, the EMAP board intends to recommend a final dividend of 1.5p for 1983-84, compared with 1.3p (adjusted) last time.

● W. CANNING: W. Canning is to raise about £2.6m, after expenses, by a rights issue of 3.39 million shares at 80p each. Terms one-for-four.

● ARIZONA SAVINGS BANK, owned by Heron International, is expanding with a proposed $34.1m (£24.5m) acquisition. The Pima Savings and Loan Association (also owned by Heron) of Tucson has made a recommended offer of $15.50 a share for Sun State Savings and Loan, of Phoenix. Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman, said that Heron will commit a further $10m to Pima "as a measure of our confidence in the merger."

● GRESHAM HOUSE: Results for 1983. Pretax profit £269,000 (£542,000). Total dividend: 4p (same).

● WYNDHAM ENGINEERING: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £1.05m (£590,000). Pretax profit £92,000 (loss, £37,000). Dividend: 1.5p (1p). The board reports that Wyndham now has record orders. Wyndham's net assets have more than trebled and the 1983-84 accounts are expected to show a figure in excess of £1m for the first time in the company's history.

● STERLING GUARANTEE TRUST: Mr Jeffrey Sterling, the chairman, referring to the company's holding of some 4 per cent in P & O, says: "We regard the investment as an excellent one for Sterling Guarantee Trust, and it is currently showing a handsome profit. Any strategic development of our relationship with that company will only take place if it is clearly felt to be in the best interests of the shareholders of both companies." Of the future, he is confident that the year ahead will result in a further strengthening

● INCHCAPE: agreement in principle has been reached by Specialist Services Internatinal, a subsidiary of Inchcape, for the sale of Bix Channel Islands and Bix A.S. together with sertain assets of other Bix companies at net asset value to Omnitest Gesellschaft fur qualitatssicherung. Agreement has also been reacheds for the sale of Mateval to a new company being formed by one of the Mateval directors, Mr A. Savage,and the subscription of additional shares in Omnitest Gesellschaft and Werkstoff Labor to increase its shareholding from 30 to 40 per cent.

● HITACHI: Hitachi, the Japanese electronics group, achieved its sixth consecutive records in net income and sales in the year to March 31, 1984. Net income rose by 11 per cent to 167,114m yen (about £517m).

APPOINTMENTS

Anglo American Corporation: Mr L. Boyd and Mr H. R. Slack, both directors, have been appointed members of the executive committee of the board. Dr P. J. Pienaar has been appointed technical director and an alternate director to the Corporation board.

Abbey National Building Society: Mr John Bayliss general manager, marketing and customer services, and Mr John Fry, general manager, housing and professional services, have been appointed directors. Mr John Ellis, the society's secretary, has been appointed a general manager. Mr Terry Murphy has become assistant general manager, personnel.

Rentokil Group: Mr William Oakley joins the board and will become group finance director on October 1, succeeding Mr K. A. Bridgman, who will retire but remains on the board. Mr Oakley is currently group finance director of Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings.

WALL STREET

Prices opened lower in active trading, on Wall Street yesterday.

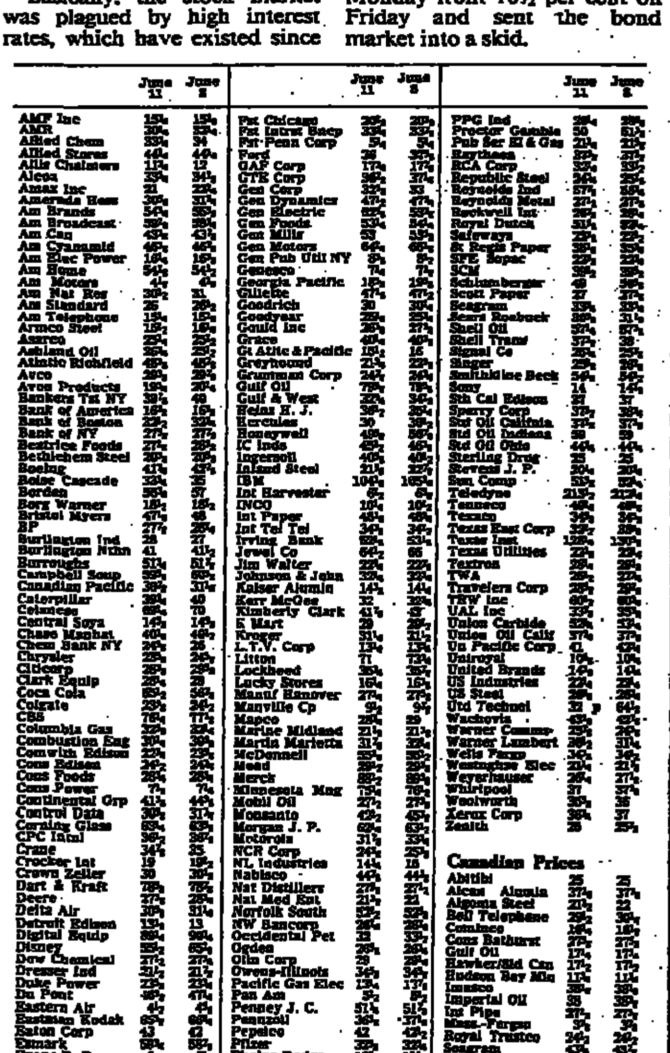
The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down about 4 points shortly after the market opened. Declines led advances 528-289 among the 1,223 issues and early turnover amounted to about 6,092,000 shares.

Brokers said prices were likely to continue drifting lower because there were no buyers around.

Basically, the stock market was plagued by high interest rates, which have existed since the economic recovery began a year ago.

Mr Rudolph Penner, of the Congressional Budget Office, said interest rate pressures will not let up even if Congress approves a so-called "down payment" on the deficit reduction because the red ink still is huge.

Federal funds rates banks charge one another overnight opened at 10⅞ per cent. They *rose to the 11¼ per cent level on* Monday from 10½ per cent on Friday and sent the bond market into a skid.



	June 11	June 8
AMF Inc	15¼	15⅛
AMR	30¼	32¼
Allied Chem	33¾	34
Allied Stores	44¼	44⅛
Allis Chalmers	11⅞	12
Alcoa	33⅝	34½
Amax Inc	21	22⅜
Amerada Hess	30⅛	31⅞
Am Brands	54⅝	55⅞
Am Broadcast	58⅞	58¾
Am Can	43⅞	43½
Am Cyanamid	46⅞	46⅞
Am Elec Power	16⅛	16⅞
Am Home	54⅛	54½
Am Motors	4¼	4⅛
Am Nat Res	30½	31
Am Standard	25	26⅛
Am Telephone	15¼	15⅛
Armco Steel	15½	16⅛
Asarco	25¼	25½
Ashland Oil	25⅞	25½
Atlantic Richfield	48⅝	48⅝
Avco	29⅝	29⅝
Avon Products	19⅞	20⅛
Bankers Tst NY	39⅞	40
Bank of America	16⅝	16⅛
Bank of Boston	32½	32⅝
Bank of NY	27⅞	27⅞
Beatrice Foods	27⅛	28⅛
Bethlehem Steel	20⅝	20⅝
Boeing	41⅞	42⅞
Boise Cascade	32¾	35
Borden	56⅞	57
Borg Warner	18⅛	18½
Bristol Myers	47⅞	48
BP	27¼	28⅛
Burlington Ind	28	27
Burlington Nthn	41	41½
Burroughs	51¾	51⅞
Campbell Soup	55⅞	55½
Canadian Pacific	30⅞	31⅛
Caterpillar	38¼	40
Celanese	69⅛	70
Central Soya	14⅞	14⅞
Chase Manhat	40⅞	40½
Chem Bank NY	24⅞	26
Chrysler	25⅜	24⅝
Citicorp	28⅝	29⅛
Clark Equip	28⅛	28
Coca Cola	55⅛	56¾
Colgate	23⅝	24½
CBS	76¼	77⅛
Columbia Gas	32⅝	32¼
Combustion Eng	30¼	30⅝
Comwlth Edison	22⅝	23⅝
Cons Edison	24½	24⅝
Cons Foods	28⅜	28⅜
Cons Power	7⅛	7¼
Continental Grp	41½	44⅝
Control Data	30⅝	31⅞
Corning Glass	63⅛	63⅞
CPC Intnl	36½	36⅝
Crane	34⅞	35
Crocker Int	19	19½
Crown Zeller	30	30⅛
Dart & Kraft	78⅝	78⅝
Deere	27⅛	28⅛
Delta Air	30⅝	31⅛
Detroit Edison	13⅛	13
Digital Equip	89¼	90⅛
Disney	55½	65⅛
Dow Chemical	27½	27⅞
Dresser Ind	21½	21⅞
Duke Power	23⅜	23¼
Du Pont	46⅞	47⅛
Eastern Air	4⅞	4⅝
Eastman Kodak	65⅞	66⅛
Eaton Corp	43	42
Esmark	58¾	58⅞
Evans P. D.	6	6⅛
Exxon Corp	40½	40⅝
Fed Dept Stores	46½	47
Firestone	17	17

	June 11	June 8
Fst Chicago	20⅛	20⅛
Fst Intrst Bncp	33⅛	33⅞
Fst Penn Corp	5⅛	5⅛
Ford	36	35⅞
GAF Corp	17⅛	17⅞
GTE Corp	36⅞	37⅛
Gen Corp	32⅞	33
Gen Dynamics	47½	47⅞
Gen Electric	52⅞	53⅞
Gen Foods	53¼	54⅛
Gen Mills	53	53⅞
Gen Motors	64⅛	65⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	8⅝	8½
Genesco	7⅛	7⅛
Georgia Pacific	18⅝	19⅝
Gillette	47⅛	47½
Goodrich	30	30⅛
Goodyear	22⅝	23⅛
Gould Inc	26⅝	27⅜
Grace	40¼	40⅛
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	15½	16
Greyhound	21⅞	22⅛
Grumman Corp	24⅞	26⅛
Gulf Oil	78⅞	78⅞
Gulf & West	32⅞	34⅛
Heinz H. J.	36½	35⅛
Hercules	30	38½
Honeywell	49⅝	56⅞
IC Inds	45⅞	46⅛
Ingersoll	40⅞	40½
Inland Steel	21⅞	22⅞
IBM	104⅛	105⅝
Int Harvester	6½	6⅞
INCO	10⅛	10½
Int Paper	45⅛	46⅝
Int Tel Tel	34⅛	34½
Irving Bank	53⅝	53¼
Jewel Co	64½	66
Jim Walter	22⅞	22⅞
Johnson & John	32⅜	32¼
Kaiser Alumin	14⅛	14¼
Kerr McGee	32	32⅝
Kimberly Clark	41⅞	42
K Mart	29	28½
Kroger	31⅛	31½
L.T.V. Corp	13⅛	13⅞
Litton	71	72⅞
Lockheed	35⅛	35⅞
Lucky Stores	16¼	16⅞
Manuf Hanover	27⅛	27⅞
Manville Cp	9½	9⅞
Mapco	28⅝	29
Marine Midland	21⅞	21⅞
Martin Marietta	31⅞	32⅛
McDonnell	55⅜	56½
Mead	29½	29⅝
Merck	88⅞	89⅝
Minnesota Mng	75⅞	76⅞
Mobil Oil	27½	27⅞
Monsanto	42½	45⅞
Morgan J. P.	62⅛	63⅞
Motorola	31⅞	33⅞
NCR Corp	24⅞	25⅞
NL Industries	14⅛	15
Nabisco	44⅞	44⅞
Nat Distillers	27⅞	27½
Nat Med Ent	21⅞	22
Norfolk South	52½	52⅞
NW Bancorp	26⅛	26⅛
Occidental Pet	32	33⅞
Ogden	26⅛	26⅛
Olin Corp	29	29⅛
Owens-Illinois	34⅛	34⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	13⅛	13⅞
Pan Am	5⅞	5⅞
Penney J. C.	51⅞	51⅞
Pennzoil	36⅛	37⅞
Pepsico	42	42½
Pfizer	32⅝	32⅛
Phelps Dodge	18⅛	19⅛
Philip Morris	65⅛	67⅞
Phillips Petrol	38½	38⅛
Polaroid	22⅝	25⅛

	June 11	June 8
PPG Ind	28⅛	28⅛
Procter Gamble	50	51½
Pub Ser El & Gas	21⅛	21⅞
Raytheon	32⅞	37⅛
RCA Corp	32⅞	33⅞
Republic Steel	24⅞	25⅛
Reynolds Ind	57⅞	58⅛
Reynolds Metal	27⅛	27⅞
Rockwell Int	28⅞	28⅞
Royal Dutch	51⅛	52⅛
Safeways	22⅛	22½
St Regis Paper	35⅛	35⅞
SFE Sopac	22⅞	22⅞
SCM	38⅞	38⅞
Schlumberger	49	50⅞
Scott Paper	27	27⅞
Seagram	33⅞	33⅞
Sears Roebuck	30⅞	31⅛
Shell Oil	57⅞	57⅞
Shell Trans	37½	38
Signal Co	25⅛	25⅞
Singer	29⅞	30⅛
Smithkline Beck	54⅛	54½
Sony	14	14⅛
Sth Cal Edison	37	37
Sperry Corp	37½	38⅛
Std Oil Califnia	37⅛	37⅛
Std Oil Indiana	59	59
Std Oil Ohio	44⅛	44⅛
Sterling Drug	25	25
Stevens J. P.	20⅛	20⅛
Sun Comp	51½	52⅛
Teledyne	213½	212⅛
Tenneco	40⅞	40⅞
Texaco	34⅞	34⅞
Texas East Corp	33½	33⅞
Texas Inst	128⅛	130⅞
Texas Utilities	22⅛	22⅞
Textron	28⅞	28⅞
TWA	22⅞	22⅞
Travelers Corp	28⅞	28⅞
TRW Inc	60½	60⅞
UAL Inc	33⅞	35⅞
Union Carbide	52⅞	53⅞
Union Oil Calif	37⅛	37⅞
Un Pacific Corp	41	42⅞
Uniroyal	10⅛	10⅛
United Brands	14⅛	14⅛
US Industries	22⅛	22⅞
US Steel	26⅞	26⅞
Utd Technol	32 p	64½
Wachovia	43⅞	42⅞
Warner Commn	25⅞	26⅛
Warner Lambert	30½	31⅛
Wells Fargo	34⅞	34½
Westinghse Elec	23⅛	21⅞
Weyerhauser	26⅛	27⅛
Whirlpool	37	37⅛
Woolworth	35⅛	35
Xerox Corp	38⅛	37
Zenith	25	25½

Canadian Prices

	June 11	June 8
Abitibi	25	25
Alcan Alumin	37⅛	37⅛
Algoma Steel	21½	22
Bell Telephone	29½	30½
Cominco	16⅞	16½
Cons Bathurst	27⅞	27⅞
Gulf Oil	17⅛	17⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	17½	17½
Hudson Bay Mng	11⅞	11⅞
Imasco	38⅛	38⅞
Imperial Oil	35	35⅞
Int Pipe	27⅞	27⅞
Mass.-Ferguson	3⅞	3½
Royal Trustco	24½	24½
Seagram	43⅞	43⅞
Steel Co	23⅞	24⅛
Thomson N 'A'	30⅛	30⅛
Walker Hiram	21½	21⅞
WCT	14⅛	14⅛

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British fencer in search of the killer instinct

The vanishing lady could make an appearance in the final

*In the first of his series of articles on sportsmen and women competing for Britain in Olympic Games, **SIMON BARNES** meets Linda Martin, a fencer who admits that four years ago in Moscow she was overcome by the occasion.*

Fencers have taken to defying our preconceptions. They no longer all look like hysterical Hungarian counts: the insistence on wildly correct technique is gone, and it is no longer de rigeur to hold the free hand up at shoulder height in a pansified fashion.

Linda Martin, British medal hope, did not look like one about to sing *La Marseillaise* and tell us she was zee greatest swordswoman in France. No, she was holding her foil in a menacingly casual fashion, as if the sacred weapon were a special kind of flick-knife. She did not hold her free hand like Noel Coward with a cigarette holder; in fact the hand seemed to be on the point of being stuffed into a trouser pocket. She looked not so much majestic as infinitely wary, infinitely sneaky. She looked as if she was about to sing "When you're a Jet you're a Jet".

Clever and sneaky

"Fencing is a freestyle sport these days," she said. "Since electric fencing came in" – hits are now registered by electric lights rather than by a judge's discernment – "fencing has become much more athletic, because it is just making the hit that counts. You don't have to exaggerate the hit to show it to the judges any more." You now have fencers who fight bouncing up and down on their toes like boxers, others who, defying the traditional canons of minimalist tippetitap, swagger in with windmilling blade as if set to take on three or four at a time up and down the stairs in the best Errol Flynn style.



Pointer to success: Linda Martin, counter-attacker of great precision (Photograph Chris Cole)

But that is not Miss Martin's way. She is not a lady of overwhelming aggressions. Instead she is clever; clever and sneaky. She melts away from opponents, who get the horrid impression that they are trying to fight thin air, until they find that Miss Martin has somehow reversed the flow, pricked a delicate little hole in the hard-pressing attack, and registered a hit in the teeth of a *flat-out* assault against her.

"The killer instinct is something I find very hard to summon up," she said. "I find it hard to work up a hate. I have to tell myself again and that I really do *hate* the person I'm fencing against. Or I tell meyself I'm *so* much better than she is . . ." She seems rather embarrassed at finding herself saying such things out loud. "It sounds horribly arrogant. It's not like me at all. But you've got to do what you can, to get yourself to win. I used to find it even harder to get any kind of killer instinct going. I used to feel really sorry for people when I beat them. I felt really bad if I won. It's something I've had to work against all the time."

Hence her delight in counter-attack which, though not the be-all and end-all of her fencing style, is certainly her speciality. Her style is watchful and, she says, "laid-back". "In an actual fight, I'm much more keyed up than I was just then, in a practice bout. But I try not to show it. I am at my best when I can entice and wait."

Her chance of a medal in Los Angeles is good. Like most athletes, she feel equivocal about the Soviet-led withdrawal. She will miss some fencers, particularly the Hungarians. Buy she does not object to her increased chances of collecting a medal. She certainly aims to do better than last time: "In Moscow, I went out in the first round. I was overcome by the occasion. I just wasn't prepared for the Olypics to be *so* much bigger, so much more prestigious, than an ordinary championship. I hope I will be ready this time. Fencing is a psychological sport. You need to concentrate for long periods, and put up with long waits. And if you let distractions get to you, you end up losing a stupid fight."

She has stepped up her work to seven sessions of swordplay a week, the best training for fencing being fencing. She also does circuit training, running a kind of shadow fencing, mostly to David Bowie music, for footwork and rhythm, and reaction training, with such games as catching a dropped glove at the highest possible point.

Quicksilver reaction

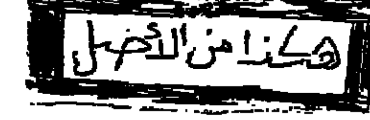
Miss Martin is tall, at 5ft 9in with a handy length of reach, and, like so many sports gifted with quicksilver reactions, is a left-hander. Left-hand fencers used to be bullied into fencing with their right hands, but no any more. She is more or less at her peak now, and the prospect of an Olympic final against the world champion, a lady Italian who sounds like one of the special shapes of pasta you haven't got round to trying yet, Dorina Vaccaroni, is something that stirs her blood.

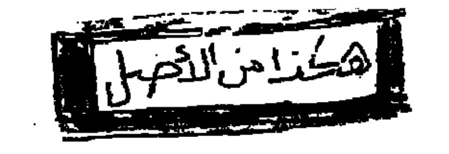
Signotins Vaccaroni is young, dynamaic and, Miss Martin assesses, an attacker of great precision. A final with a gold medal at stake against Miss Martin, a counter-attacker of great precision, and greater sneakiness, is something that could be a real treat.

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TENNIS: TOP NAMES TUMBLE AT QUEEN'S CLUB

Lendl refuses to cry over defeat by little-known American

By Jerome Caminada

Top names had a bad time on the second day of the Stella Artois grass court tournament at Queen's Club yesterday. After Jimmy Connors, the holder of the title, had to muster all his energy to win in three sets against Bernard Mitton, of South Africa, Ivan Lendl, the new French champion, ran into trouble against an inconspicuous American, Leif Shiras, and was beaten 5-7, 3-6.

Meanwhile, on an adjoining court, Yannick Noah, who was French champion last year but has never had good fortune on grass courts in England, retired at 1-1 in the third and deciding set against Robert Van't Hof, from Texas, because of a strained right thigh. So out went the second seed, Lendl, and the fourth seed, Noah.

The sudden transition physically from shale in Paris to grass here, and also the emotional aftermath of the final against John McEnroe in Paris on Sunday, produced in Lendl an anticlimax. He played listlessly and Shiras, who has studied at Princeton University and plays right-handed, resolutely seized his chances. Before this he had made little impression on the international circuit.

Lendl remarked afterwards that this defeat "is not going to send me into a corner crying" and added that he would concentrate on preparing for Wimbledon.

Connors played with a great deal of his old vigour as Mitton made him work up and down the baseline. With the score set-all, a break of service in the second game of the third set put Connors on the road to victory by 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

On the British front there was better news. Stephen Shaw, from North London, who last week at Manchester was disqualified after serving seven consecutive double-faults and then tossing his racket into the garden, made amends yesterday. He dispatched in straight sets Mike Leach, a medium-built left-hander from Minnesota, who has the stiff-legged walk of a gunman entering through the saloon door to accost John Wayne.

Shaw has a more stalwart physique but Leach puts jet power into a service which propelled him into the last 16 at Wimbledon last year. In the first set Shaw saved two set points in a tie-break, one of them with a service ace on the line, before taking the set 7-6; and then warmed up convincingly to capture the second set 6-3, including three love games.

Afterwards Paul Hutchins, the British national team manager, told the press that he had had very strong words with Shaw after the Manchester episode, but had now recommended to the All England Club committee that that affair should not stand in the way of Shaw being given a "wild card" entry to Wimbledon. That recommendation was later accepted.

Jonathan Smith, born in Devon and living in London, also reached the next round by eliminating Derek Tarr, a South African, in straight sets. Smith also has a wild card for Wimbledon.

Queen's results

FIRST ROUND: (GB unless stated): S Shaw bt M Leach (US), 7-6, 6-3; M Purcell (US) bt C Dunk (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; Denton (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-2, 7-6; L Shiras (US) bt I Lendl (Cz), 7-5, 6-3; J Connors (US) bt B Mitton (SA), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) bt T Giammalva (US), 6-2, 6-4; R Harmon (US) bt P Pfister (US), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; J Smith (GB) bt D Tarr (SA), 6-3, 6-4; R Vant Hof (US) bt Y Noah (Fr), 4-6, 6-3, 1-1, retired; M Edmondson (Aus) bt G Michibata (Can), 6-2, 7-6; C Hooper (US) bt T Moor (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Monday's late results
FIRST ROUND: D Visser (SA) bt W Scanlon (US), 6-3, 6-4; G Holmes (US) bt S Ball, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7; R Simpson (NZ) bt D Pate (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; [illegible] (Fr) bt C Lewis (NZ), 7-6, 7-5; R Krishnan (India) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; B Teacher (US) bt J Borowiak (US), 6-4, 5-7, 11-9.



Making a name for himself: Shiras, victor over Lendl (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Miss Brown still rising

Another solid performance by Amanda Brown ensured at least one British survivor in the £90,000 Edgbaston Cup women's tournament in Birmingham yesterday. The Norwich player, aged 19, who is making steady progress up the world rankings, beat the experienced American, Kate Latham, 6-3, 6-3.

Sara Gomer, also 19, went out in her first round match to Terri Phelps, a 17-year-old New Yorker, who won her first senior tournament when she took the Beckenham title last week.

She dropped seven games in succession to lose the second set and trail in the decider. Her last chance vanished when she lost her service to love in the sixth game, and eventually lost 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

FIRST ROUND (British unless stated): [illegible] 6, 6-3, 10-8; M-L Piatek (US) bt K Cummings (US), 6-3, 6-2; A Hobbs bt P Teeguarden (US), 6-4, 6-4; A Minter (Aus) bt A Croft, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; L Anontoplis (US) bt T Moshtzuki (US), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; S Walsh (US) bt R Uys (SA), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; C Benjamin (US) bt J Salmon, 6-0, 6-7, 6-3; J Mundel (SA) bt B Nagelsen (US), 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

Late Monday results
FIRST ROUND: H Ludlow (US) bt S Arriach (Fr), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; S Leo (Aus) bt M Torres (US), 6-2, 6-2; L McNeil (US) bt L Allen (US), 6-2, 6-2; E Sayers (Aus) bt B Mould (SA), 6-4, 6-4; Y Vermaak (SA) bt L Romanov (Rom), 6-0, 6-1.

Dampener

Philippe Chatrier, the president of the International Tennis Federation, has criticised plans for a new men's and women's tennis tournament in Delray Beach, Florida. The tournament, run over two weeks like Grand Slam events, would be a "watering down" of the major tournaments, Chatrier said.

EQUESTRIANISM

Critical phase for show

By Jenny MacArthur

The Royal International Horse Show enters another phase in its 77-year history when it opens today at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Although this is the show's fifth move since it was started at Olympia in 1907 under the chairmanship of the Earle of Lonsdale, it is the first time that it has taken place outside London.

The latest move comes after last year's unsuccessful attempt to take it back out of doors to its former White City setting. Failure to recapture the atmosphere of the heady days before the war and a loss of more than £20,000 forced the organizers, led by the chairman, Dorian Williams, to seek another venue.

Birmingham was chaosen partly for its accessibility but mostly because of the favourable terms offered by the NEC, who have underwriten the show. The Royal International's future hinges on the success of this year's five-day show which has four major sponsors – Crown Life Assurance, Radio Rentals, Everest Double Glazing and Midland Bank.

For the eight Olympic shortlisted show jumpers competing there is more at stake than £70,00 in prize money. Selection for the five-member team for next week's international show at Aachen will depend on their performance this week.

Billington goes like the wind for title

By a Special Correspondent

Geoff Billington, joint leading rider at the South of England Show last week, achieved the difficult feat of bettering the powerful Sanyo Everest stables on the opening day of the Three Counties Show at Malvern yesterday. He did so in the Everest Double Glazing championship on Cheryl Millner's Brinklow, a horse he has been riding for only three weeks.

Fourteen were through to the jump-off and the course builder, Alan Oliver, made sure they would need skill as well as speed by devising a series of tight turns for the decisive round against the clock. Nick Skelton, first to go on Everest Arabesque, dealt with them swiftly and smoothly to finish clear in 44.38sec. Soon afterwards, Robert Smith, equally smooth, went ahead in 42.91sec on Sanyo Dictator.

Just as Smith seemed to have the prize in safe keeping, Billington, last but one to jump, whisked it away from him. Throwing caution to the wind, he zipped round in a spectacular winning time of 42.06.

Harvey Smith's younger son, Steven, also reached the jump-off and had one error on Shining Example (43.56). He has recently taken over the ride on this Dutch-bred 12-year-old, who could be a possible mount for him in the Olympics.

Everest Double Glazing Championship: 1, Mrs C Milner's Brinklow (G Billington); 2, Team Sanyo's Sanyo Dictator (R Smith); 3, Everest Double Glazing's Everest Arabesque (N Skelton).
Next Collectibles Top Score: 1, Team Sanyo's Sanyo Vista (R Smith); 2, Harris Carpets's Royale (D Broome); 3, P Richardson's Billy B.
RIDDEN HUNTERS: Lightweight: R A Schuck's Celtic Gold. Middleweight: South Essex Insurance Brokers Ltd's Elite. Heavyweight: N Trevithick's Standing Ovation. Four-year-old: Mrs E Davies's Pendragon. Novice: G Buckingham-Bawden's Seabrook. Small: P W Hampton's Sea Lord. Championship: Elite; reserve, Celtic Gold.

GOLF

Crenshaw hones his game in competition

From Mitchell Platts

Mamaroneck, New York

Ben Crenshaw's preparation for the United States Open, which starts on the Winged Foot course here tomorrow, was spent more than a hundred miles away at Pine Valley, playing with a group of amateur friends.

The problem for Crenshaw since he won the US Masters in April has been how to slide away from the time-consuming activities which are inevitably born out of success. So the fair-haired Texan felt the need to groove his game by playing no fewer than 36 holes on each of three days.

Crenshaw has always considered it more profitable to tune up on the course rather than pound balls down a driving range. The experiment at Pine Valley evidently proved successful, since he shot one 68 and three 69s there.

Whether his game is now sufficiently honed to tackle the treacherous Winged Foot course is a matter of conjecture. But there can be no escaping from what be learnt at Augusta about pacing himself through a championship.

So Crenshaw will not become impatient should he visit the rough, which at first sight seems not to be as severe as at recent US Opens. As he sits in the locker room here there is a look of relaxed confidence about him.



Crenshaw: shot a 68

Even so, Crenshaw dismisses the theory that, with one "major" behind him, the others will prove easier to win. Like Watson, he thinks not in terms of the first or the second being the hardest to win, but that every "major" is a now examination that must be passed.

At least practice for Crenshaw and company was made more bearable by a drop in the temperature yesterday but the forecast suggests that the championship will unfold in oven-like conditions. Nick Faldo has played more than three practice rounds in an effort to regain his swing after missing the half-way cut in last week's Westchester Classic.

Gales upset US women

By Lewine Mair

The seven American Curtis Cup girls who were at Old Troon yesterday for the British women's championship must have been wishing thay had followed the example of their colleague, Penny Hammel, and headed for home directly after the Curtis Cup.

If Wilman Aitken, of Scotland, who was round in 76 against the par of 75 to lead the field at the end of the first qualifying round, saw the gale-force wind as a familar friend, the American found life on the links all but impossible.

Phyllis Preuss, the non-playing captain of the US Curtis Cup side, handed in a commendable 82, but the scores of her team ranged between the 86 of Anne Sander and the 94 of Mary Anne Widmark.

At the end of her round, Mrs Sander, the former triple American amateur champion, insisted she had "never played in anything so bad." She had arrived at the conclusion that she was simply too tall for the conditions and was toying with the idea of swapping her habitual upright putting stance for one where she would be closer to the ground.

Joanne Pacillo, the American amateur champion who went round in 87, said she could not remember when she last had such a score, – a sentiment which, to everyone's glee, was later echoed by the tiny Maria Navarro, aged 13, who won this year's Spanish Open.

Miss Navarro's score was in fact 89, but, with 170 generally held to be the likely cut-off point tomorrow, this talented youngster is still in with a chance.

LEADING SCORES: 76: W Aitken (Old Ranfurly); 77: M Scollan (Boldon); 80: M McKenna (Donabate); 81: G Stewart (Inverness), V Thomas (Pennard); 82: P Preuss (US), A Gemmill (Barrassie); 84: C Schofield (US), C Hourihane (Woodbrook); 85: C Pierce (West Sussex), N McCormack, (Porters Park), E Kennedy (Aus).

YACHTING

Phillips in fight to repel pack

By Barry Pickthall

As yet another south-westerly gale swept across the leading yachts in the Observer/Europe I single-handed trans-Atlantic race hopes are high that Peter Phillips sailing the 60-foot trimaran Travacrest Seaway can keep the close pack of chasing French multi-hulls at bay over the final 1,00-mile run to the Newport finish line.

The former police sargeant maintained an average of 10.3 knots yesterday to maintain a lead of 83 miles over Daniel Gilard's 60-foot trimaran Nates, which is followed by the class II trimaran Region Centre sailed by Olivier Moussy a further 48 miles astern, with Marc Pajot's Elf Aquitaine II in fourth place,. 146 miles behind the British yachtsman.

The most impressive run yesterday, however, was set by the veteran single-hander Eric Tabarly, whose 60-foot Trimaran Paul Ricard averaged 14 knots between 10.0pm GMT on Monday, and the second Argos satellite path at 7.0 GMT

BOARDSAILING

Britons are left floundering in Hyde's wake

By John Nicholls

Greg Hyde, already selected as Australia's Windglider sailor for the Olympic Games, gave an impressive demonstration of his ability in the Diners Club international boardsailing regatta at Torbay yesterday. He won both races with ease, with a Frenchman, Gildas Guillerot, second both times and the 23 British Olympic trialists practically out of sight.

It must have been a demoralizing day for the British, particularly those on the shortlisted squad who are competing for the chance to go to Long Beach. The best placed was David Perks, third in both races, with David Hackford fourth and eighth.

RESULTS: (subject to protest, GB unless stated): First race: 1, G Hyde (Aust); 2, G Guillerot (Fr); 3, D Perks; 4, G Johns (Aust); 5, M Whaley; 6, M Tescano (Mexico). Second race: 1, Hyde; 2, Guillerot; 3, Perks; 4, D Hackford; 5, Johns; 6, P Coutts.

Why catching salmon is like theology

By Conrad Voss Bark



Salmon fishing, one charming lady said to me at dinner the other evening, is like theology. It encourages a number of beliefs. True. And the beliefs conflict.

One of the wisest of our salmon fishermen, John Ashley-Cooper, makes a point of having the fewest possible beliefs. He sits, rather like a guru on a mountain top, merely recording experiences. He says that when you have caught several hundred salmon you think you know how to catch them but when you have caught several thousand you are quite certain that you don't. Such detachment is admirable and makes his latest book from Witherby entertaining reading.

Less wise, perhaps, is Phillip Green who, with half a century's experience behind him, is a shade more doctrinaire. He seeks quite deliberately to destroy some of the myths and legends that surround salmon fishing, not entirely successfully in all cases. Nevertheless, a fascinating and stimulating book.

Philip Green and John Ashley-Cooper are writing for the cognoscenti, the experienced fishermen. A practical guide which will be invaluable for beginners to salmon fishing comes from Hugh Falkus. He explains how to tie knots, shows in a sequence of photographs how to do the Spey cast, and advises on the best rods and hooks and flies to use. He even tells his pupils – he has the schoolmaster's approach – that when they go fishing they should carry lavatory paper, a penknife and string in their pockets. No other textbook goes into salmon fishing in such detail.

However, the book is inclined towards too much certainty and the occasional intolerance. Those fishermen who want salmon fishing restricted to the fly are lambasted as "grizzlers" who take a holier-than-thou-attitude. Such strictures are unfair. There are many rivers – the Wye is the latest – where it has been found more practical and advantageous to have the fishing restricted to one or two methods rather than a free-for-all. To ignore such trends diminishes the respect that otherwise the book commands.

● Salmon Fishing by Hugh Falkus (Witherby, £18.50); New Angles on Salmon Fishing by Philip Green (George Allen and Unwin, £9.95); A Line on Salmon by John Ashley-Cooper (Witherby £9.95).

CRICKET: FRUSTRATION FOR YORKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE

Worcester achieve target in last over

By Richard Streeton

WORCESTER: *Worcestershire (21 pts) beat Hampshire (5) by four wickets.*

David Smith completed a thrilling victory for Worcestershire, with twoballs to spare, after they had been set 293 in 63 overs to win yesterday. They were still three runs short when Cowley began the last over, but Smith off-drove the first ball for two and pulled the fourth to the midwicket boundary.

Pocock's declaration 20 minutes after lunch, must have been hard to judge, remembering Kapil Dev's presence and that Jesty and Nicholas, for most of the morning, had battled with such assurance. Initially, the odds seemed to favour Worcestershire, but the occasional ball began to keep low, and in the end this was a deserved victory.

Jesty early on was the dominant partner as he and Nicholas increased their overnight stand by 117. Jesty hit strongly on both sides of the wicket but had one slice of luck when, at 65, he was dropped at first slip by Smith off Pridgeon. Putting aside Greenidge, Richards and Livingstone, Jesty is the first Hampshire-born player to score a century in each innings for the county since Jack Newman in 1927.

Nicholas, always neat and correct, became freer near the end of his stay as he completed his second hundred of the summer.

Worcestershire were given a brisk start with 53 in 12 overs before Patel edged a catch behind. Weston gathered runs steadily as Neale settled in, but Weston was out just after tea in the thirtieth over.

D'Oliveira, with 35 in 28 balls, and Kapil Dev, 34 in 27 balls, gave the innings crucial impetus; the balance tilted again, though, when Neale was fifth out in the fifty-third over. He flicked Reifer off his legs and Pocock held a magnificent catch, left-handed and low, at midwicket.

Worsestershire still needed 59 from the last 10 overs but the two left-handers, Smith and Humphries, showed the right blend of judgment and aggression. With eight wanted from two overs, Chris Smith bowled, and Humphries was caught at long off from his first ball, to maintain the tension to the end.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 316 for 3 dec (T E Jesty 148 not out, D R Turner 100 not out, V P Terry 88)

Second Innings
V P Terry c Weston B Pridgeon 2
C L Smith c Humphries b Kapil Dev 4
M C J Nicholas c Patel b Illingworth 100
T E Jesty c Weston b Patel 141
D R Turner not out 26
*N E J Pocock not out 15
Extras (b 4, l-b 8, w 1, n-b 3) 16
Total (4 wkts dec) 304

N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, †R J Parks, E L Reifer and C A Connor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–12, 3–250, 4–263.
BOWLING: Pridgeon 13-4-36-1; Kapel Dev 8-1-32-1; Inchmore 13-3-31-0; Warner 8-1-26-0; Illingworth 26-4-90-1; Patel 23-6-73-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 328 for 5 dec (Kapil Dev 95, D M Smith 83 not out, D N Patel 52)

Second Innings
M J Weston st Parks b Cowley 54
D N Patel c Parks b Tremlett 22
*P A Neale c Pocock b Reifer 66
D B d'Oliveira b Cowley 35
Kapil Dev b Reifer 34
D M Smith not out 42
†D J Humphries c Connor b Smith 28
J D Inchmore not out 3
Extras (l-b 13, n-b 1) 14
Total (6 wkts) 298

A P Pridgeon, R K Illingworth and A E Warner did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–53, 2–108, 3–152, 4–203, 5–232, 6–285.
BOWLING: Reifer 15-1-74-2; Connor 11-0-49-0; Tremlett 18-2-66-1; Cowley 19.4-3-89-2; Smith 1-0-4-1.
Umpires: K E Palmer and D R Shepherd.

Kent miss chances and run into trouble against Sidebottom

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent (7pts) drew with Yorkshire (6 pts).

Rather than beating Yorkshire, as they had to do when yesterday's play began, Kent came uncomfortably close to losing to them. After being left to make 254 to win in a minimum of 54 overs, a fair challenge on a pitch that was still in good repair, they ran into trouble against Sidebotton, who took their first four wickets for 11 runs, and two more later on. In the end, it was left to Ellison and Penn to play out the last nine overs.

It was therefore a day of frustration for Yorkshire and disappointment for Kent, who dropped enough catches before lunch to do away with any chance they had of bowling Yorkshire out and winning the game that way. Sharp, who eventually made an excellent 99, was dropped twice when still in single figures, and Boycott, always a likely stumbling block, was put down when 45. This, in fact, was Boycott's only serious mistake in his first first-class 100 of the season. He does still play most awfully well.

The first 90 minutes of the day produced a fascinating tussle, with Boycott at the heart of it, admirably assisted by Sharp. The bowling was done in that time by Underwood at one end, and Ellison and Alderman at the other. Underwood, despite a troublesome shoulder, was almost as tidy as ever.

In the second over he gave Boycott two half-volleys, both of which went for four. Seventy minutes later, he bowled a near-long hop which Boycott pulled for four.

For the rest of his 14 overs he probed unerringly. He beat Boycott once on the forward stroke and had Sharp, when he was one, missed at square short leg, a low, sharpish chance which Potter would probably have caught had he been a yard deeper.

Ellison and Alderman are of a similar type with a not dissimilar action. In 1981, before his accident, Alderman did dreadful damage in England by moving the ball this way and that at medium pace. Yesterday Ellison bowled, if anything, the better of the two. He is deep-chested, broad and hirsute.

Alderman, with his lighter build, can bowl forever. Ellison's stamina is likely to be more severely tested. He will need some strong legs to keep him going. There will be days, especially overseas, when he looks quite plain; on others, especially in England, he could be as effective as Alderman at his best.

It was off Ellison that Fletcher, the night watchman, was caught, and off Alderman that Sharp was missed a second time at slip when he was nine. Not much later, Knott dropped Boycott off Johnson and in the half-hour before lunch Kent's cricket became untidy.

Afterwards they settled for going through the motions until Bairstow declared.

No sooner had Woolmer and Potter started to build the platform for Kent's assault on their target, than Sidebottom struck. There is a whippiness about his bowling which takes batsmen by surprise. It could have been the reason why Aslett, fractionally late with an off-side back-foot stroke, played on to his first ball.

Woolmer and Potter had both been leg-before, aiming to leg, and when Cowdrey also played on, Tavaré decided it was time to draw the curtains. What the rest amounted to was keeping Sidebottom out, which Kent just managed to do. With an hour to go, he bowled Tavaré, and with 16 overs left had Johnson caught at long leg.

YORKSHIRE: First innings 297 (M D Moxon 110, G Boycott 59; D L Underwood 4 for 27)

Second Innings
G Boycott not out 104
M D Moxon l-b-w b Ellison 7
*R G Lumb c Tavaré b Underwood 0
I G Swallow c Knott b Ellison 13
S D Fletcher c Knott b Ellison 2
K Sharp c Penn b Potter 99
Extras (b 3, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 2) 9
Total (5 wkts dec) 234

S N Hartley, †D L Bairstow, P Carrick, A Sidebottom and G B Stevenson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–21, 2–22, 3–39, 4–40, 5–234.
BOWLING: Alderman 12-1-27-0; Ellison 18-8-22-3; Underwood 20-5-41-1; Johnson 11-0-64-0; Cowdrey 6-0-22-0; Penn 8-0-33-0; Potter 4-1-16-1.

KENT: First innings 277 (R A Woolmer 58; I G Swallow 4 for 52)

Second Innings
L Potter l-b-w b Sidebottom 6
R A Woolmer l-b-w Sidebottom 1
*C J Tavaré c Bairstow b Sidebottom 28
D G Aslett b Sidebottom 0
C S Cowdrey b Sidebottom 4
G W Johnson c Boycott b Sidebottom 37
R M Ellison not out 16
†A P E Knott c Moxon b Stevenson 9
C Penn not out 8
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 11) 12
Total (7 wkts) 121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–12, 3–12, 4–18, 5–76, 6–88, 7–108.
BOWLING: Sidebottom 16-5-41-6; Fletcher 5-4-3-0; Carrick 18-12-20-0; Swallow 9-4-18-0; Stevenson 11-3-27-1
Umpires: P J Eele and D O Oslea

Hemmings spins out Glamorgan

By Peter Ball

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (22pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by 10 wickets.

Spinners have been an often disregarded asset in recent years, but the success of Essex and Middlesex last season illustrated their important place in any side with championship ambitions, and Nottinghamshire are offering the same example this year.

Yesterday the off spin of Eddie Hemmings again provided the main thrust as they bowled out Glamorgan cheaply for a second time to stay hard on Leicestershire's heels. Hemmings exploited the increasing turn and bounce to claim six wickets for the second time in the game, finishing with match figures of 12 for 123.

The eighth-wicket stand of 79, Glamorgan's highest of the match, between Davis and Holmes placed the earlier batting in perspective.

There was some sympathy for Henderson, who received the most spiteful ball of the day. Hopkins, who had defended stolidly, then became one of the only two wickets to fall at the Radcliffe Road end, Saxelby clipping his bails. Steel was next, beaten by Hemmings's arm ball, and when Davies left to another bat and pad catch an innings defeat seemed inevitable.

Holmes and Davis avoided that with some style. Holmes played sensibly, hitting the bad ball and defending watchfully

Davis's maiden English fifty was reached with his second six off Hemmings, but he was out next ball. A firm defensive plod gave Hassan a simple catch, and when Holmes followed on the same score to a brilliant one by the same fielder at midwicket, Glamorgan's resistance was over.

Hemmings: took 12 wickets

GLAMORGAN: First innings 179 (E E Hemmings 6 for 50)

Second Innings
J A Hopkins b Saxelby 29
A L Jones c Hassan b Hadlee 1
R C Ontong b Hadlee 0
Younis Ahmed c Robinson b Hemmings 32
S P Henderson c French b Hemmings 3
J F Steele b Hemmings 6
G C Holmes c Hassan b Rice 43
†T Davies c Rice b Hemmings 7
W W Davies c Hassan b Hemmings 7
*M W W Selvey not out 0
S R Barwick c Hassan b Hemmings 3
Extras (b 6, l-b 7, n-b 2) 15
Total () 191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3, 2–3, 3–58, 4–66, 5–74, 6–86, 7–109, 8–188, 9–188, 10–191.
BOWLING: Hadlee 12-5-28-2; Saxelby 13-5-20-1; Hemmings 28.3-10-73-6; Rice 9-2-29-1; Cooper 5-0-26-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 349 for 8 dec (D W Randall 79 R J Hadlee 71, B C Broad 57; J F Steele 4 for 100)

Second Innings
B C Broad not out 13
R T Robinson not out 3
Total (no wkt) 16

*C E B Rice, J D Birch, B Hassan, F J Hadlee, †B N French, E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, and K E Cooper did not bat.
BOWLING: Steele 1.5-0-10-0; Ontong 1-0-6-0.
Umpires: J W Holder and R Julien

Sound and fury to no avail

By Alan Gibson

BATH: Somerset (5pts) drew with Middlesex (4)

Despite some admirable batting by both sides, the match ended as a boring draw, which did nothing to enhance Somerset cricket.

On Saturday, Gatting had not declared until 473, presumably banking on bowling Somerset out twice. He had two good spin bowlers, and dust was rising from the pitch, so it was a reasonable decision. But the pitch grew better rather than worse, and Somerset made a confident reply.

I thought they might have declared as soon as they had saved the follow-on. I did not doubt that they would declare in the morning, even though they were 109 behind. This would have put the onus on Gatting to give them some sort of chance.

But Somerset batted on until tea time, when they had scored 511, and made the remainder of the play a formality. Rose certainly played some handsome strokes, but they were blows in vacuum. Full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

There was another large crowd, who remained surprisingly patient. They were denied the possibility of an exciting finish, and deserved better. I fear Marks, who was acting captain in Botham's absence, must take some of the blame.

Botham will be fit

Ian Botham should be fit to play for England in the first Test, sponsored by Cornhill, against West Indies, starting at Edgbaston tomorrow. The all-rounder failed to take the field yesterday for Somerset due to a stomach upset.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 473 for 7 dec (M W Gatting 258, P H Edmonds 55, W N Slack 53)

Second Innings
W N Slack not out 39
G D Barlow hit wkt b Marks 39
P H Edmonds st Gard b Marks 1
R O Butcher not out 4
Extras (b2, l-b 2, n-b1) 5
Total (2wkts) 88

M W Gatting, C T Radley, J E Emburey, †P R Downton, N F Williams, N G Cowans and W W Daniel did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–82, 2–84.
BOWLING: Davis 6-3-23-0; Dredge 4-0-23-0; Marks 10-2-22-2; Booth 7-4-15-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings
P M Roebuck b Edmonds 30
J G Wyatt l-b-w b Emburey 31
N F M Popplewell c Downtown b Daniel 133
M D Crowe l-b-w b Emburey 125
B C Rose st Downtown b Edmonds 97
V J Marks b Edmonds 31
†T Gard, b Edmonds 0
C H Dredge c Barlow b Edmonds 6
M R Davis c Barlow b Edmonds 7
S C Booth not out 6
I T Botham absent ill 0
Extras (b 15, l-b 22, n-b 13) 50
Total 516

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–54, 2–82, 3–331, 4–377, 5–433, 6–433, 7–448, 8–480, 9–516.
BOWLING: Cowans 13–1–47–0; Williams 21–2–67–0; Emburey 73–21–156–2; Edmonds 84.3–22–111–6; Daniel 18–1–61–1; Slack 7–0–15–0; Gatting 5–1–9–0.
Umpires: N T Plews and J Birkenshaw.

Peters sets seal on comeback

Schools cricket
By George Chesterton

Sheborne had a spectacular win against Clifton. Put in to bat on a green wicket, they had slumped to 53 for 5, but Wright and Matthews staged a recovery, and a declaration was possible at 191 for 9. Clifton started well, until Peters, bowling fast and straight hit the stumps four times in a spell of 5 for 4. This turned the match, and Clifton were bowled out for 58.

In another West Country contest, Blundells batted somewhat slowly, Hunt making 85 against a steady Downside attack. They declared at 184 for 8. Downside lost two wickets at once, and were never in a strong position so they had to be content with a draw on 147 for 7.

Bradfield beat Stowe by 10 wickets. Bradfield have one of the best attacks in the country, and Stowe found scoring difficult.

Schools matches: *Aldenham 131, Highgate 38. *Bancroft's 178-1 dec, *St Albans 158-9. Band of Brothers 235-7 dec, *Sutton Valence 180-7 (P Sunnucks 103 no). Bishop's Stortford 143, *Kimbolton 140-8. Blundell's 184-8 dec, *Downside 147-7. Bournemouth 214-6 dec (T Farmer 116 no), Hardye's 78-7. Butterflies 108, *Rugby 108-4. *Chatham House 143-5 dec, Sir Roger Manwood's 126. *Christ, Brecon 196-9 dec, Worcester RGS 175-5. City on London 138, *Westminster 139-2. City Freemen's 54, *Seaford 55-0. Colchser RGS 75, *Forest 77-1. *Cranbrook 122, Kent College 103-7. *Dauntsey's 106, KES Bath 97-6. Dorset Ranger 87, *Allhallows 89-6. *Dulwich 190-6 dec, Free Foresters 94. *Eastbourne 97, Brighton 98-2. Felsted 128, *Cundle 133-1. Giggleswick 138, *Durham 141-0 (Rosberry 100 no). *Glenalmond 249-3 dec (GM Sommerville 115), Merchiston Castle 147. Grasshoppers 186-7 dec, *Epsom 180-6. Gravesend 148-9 dec, *Sidmers' 118-4. *Guilford RGS 116, Portsmouth GS 118-3. *Haberdashers' Aske's Estree 207-6 dec, Eltham 93-9. Hampton 151, *Watford GS 151-6. *Harrow 227-5 de, Malvern 142-8. *Judd 86, Rochester Maths 88-3. *King Edward's Birmingham 197-7 dec, King Edward's Five Ways 135. *King Edward's Witley 158-8 dec, XL Club 108-5. *KCS, Wimbledon 231-5 dec, St Paul's 141-4. *King's Macclesfield 183-8 dec, Stockport GS 140-8. *King's Worcester 245-3 dec (N Marsh 100 no), Bablake 160-3. *Lancing 183-7 dec, Charterhouse 102-7. Langley Park 76, *Wellington HS 81-3. *Loughborough GS 168-9 dec, Nottingham HS 153-6.

MCC 178-7 dec, *Merchant Taylors', Northwood 180-7. *Millfield 284-9 dec, Taunton 158-9. Mill Hill 233-3 dec, *The Leys 163-3. *Milton Abbey 137-6 dec, Clayesmore 40. Monmouth 161, *Queen's, Taunton 142-7. Old Masonians 134, *Woodbridge 136-6. Old Oakhamians 200-9 dec, *Oakham 167-4. *Pangbourne 141-8 dec, Shiplake 127-6. Perse 80 (Garratt 8-14), *Bedford Modern 82-2. Poole GS 97, *Brighton 74-8. *QE Hospital, Bristol 181-9 dec, Wellsway 79-9. *Reading 190-4 dec, Lord Wandsworth 126-7. Reigate 179-7 dec, *Hurstpierpoint 178-5. *Repton 228-4 dec (N Stocks 125 n.o). Worksop 141. St Bartholomew's, Newbury 109, *Bloxham 112-2. *St Bees 106, Lancaster RGS 109-1. *St Edward's, Oxford 192-5 dec, Cheltenham 198-3 (R Thompson 107 n.o).

MCC 130, *King's Taunton 131-1. Old Boys 169-5 dec, *Dover College 105-8. Old Wykehamists 138-9 dec and 132, *Winchester 147-4 dec and 125-6.

* Home team

CRICKETER CUP
FIRST ROUND: Shrewsbury Saracens 146; Uppingham Rovers 148 for 5.

U A U CHAMPIONSHIPS
QUARTER-FINAL: Durham 190 for 8; Sheffield 142 (G Dean 7 for 24).

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Essex v Warwickshire

ILFORD: Essex (19pts) beat Warwickshire (6) by 35 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 334 (A Kallicharran 100, T A Lloyd 72; J K Lever 5 for 89)

Second Innings
T A Lloyd c East b Lever 4
P A Smith c Fletcher v Acfield 26
A I Kallicharran b Lever 0
D L Amiss b Acfield 24
†G W Humpage c Lever b Pringle 32
Asif Din c McEwan b Lever 1
C M Old l-b-w b Lever 4
A M Ferreira l-b-w b Pringle 11
G C Small c East b Pringle 0
N Gifford c Gooch b Pringle 0
*R G D Willis not out 4
Extras (b 2, l-b 8, n-b 2) 13
Total 119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–6, 3–58, 4–59, 5–84, 6–68, 7–100, 8–102, 9–102, 10–119.
BOWLING: Lever 17-3-48-4; Foster 6-1-17-0; Acfield 17-4-30-2; Pringle 6.1-1-13-4.

ESSEX: First innings 114 (A M Ferreira 4 for 44)

Second Innings
G A Gooch b Gifford. 54
C Gladwin l-b-w b Gifford. 92
*K W R Fletcher l-b-w b Ferreira. 12
K S McEwan 97
B R Hardie l-b-w b Small 0
D R Pringle b Small 25
P J Prichard b Small 31
†D E East b Smith 6
N A Foster c Smith b Gifford 25
J K Lever not out 1
D L Acfield c Humpage b Gifford 0
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, n-b 25) 31
Total 374

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–98, 2–120, 3–183, 4–190, 5–268, 6–317, 7–332, 8–368, 9–374, 10–374.
BOWLING: Willis 14-4-28-1; Old 4-1-20-0; Ferreira 24-7-71-2; Small 22-5-49-2; Smith 9-3-31-1; Gifford 47-9-144-4.
Umpires: W E Alley and B Dudleston.

Gloucs v Derbyshire

GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire (5pts) drew with Derbyshire (6)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 313 (P W Romaines 183, C W J Athey 78, A J Wright 79; R J Finney 5 for 58)

Second Innings
A W Stovold, c Roberts, b Taylor 97
P W Romaines, c Miller, b Hill 68
C W J Athey, c Wright, b Anderson 14
Zaheer Abbas, c Anderson, b Wright 44
P Bainbridge, not out 64
Extras (b 1, w 1) 2
Total (4 wkts dec) 287

A J Wright, J N Shepherd, *D A Graveney, †R C Russell, J H Childs and G E Sainsbury did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–98, 2–117, 3–198, 4–287.
BOWLING: Miller, 17–5–34–0; Moir, 18–4–40–0; Anderson, 14–3–47–1; Hill, 12–2–39–1; Wright, 15–2–81–1; Barnett, 5–2–21–0; Taylor, 6.2–1–23–1.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 331 for 9 dec (D G Moir 96, K J Barnett 74, B Roberts 56)

Second Innings
*K J Barnett, c Bainbridge, c Childs 47
I S Anderson, c and b Childs 27
A Hill, st Russell, b Childs 39
D G Moir, st Russell, b Graveney 22
J E Morris, c Shepherd, b Graveney 0
J G Wright, c Sainsbury, b Graveney 6
B Roberts, st Russell, b Graveney 41
G Miller, not out 7
R J Finney, not out 0
Extras (l-b 6) 6
Total (7 wkts) 195

†R W Taylor and O H Mortensen did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–59, 2–100, 3–133, 4–134, 5–141, 6–174, 7–191.
BOWLING: Shepherd, 4–0–12–0; Sainsbury, 4–0–20–0; Childs, 17–2–100–3; Graveney, 19–5–57–4; Zaheer Abbas, 2.4–2–0–0.
Umpires: R Palmer and P B Wright

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH
WELLINGTON COLLEGE: Berkshire 170 for 6; Club Cricket Conference 178 for 5 (M Milton 69)

Lancashire v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD: Sussex (23pts) beat Lancashire (6) by 6 wickets.
LANCASHIRE: First innings 296 (S J O'Shaughnessy 86, N H Fairbrother 55).

Second Innings
G Fowler c Gould b Reeve 21
J A Ormrod l-b-w b le Roux 2
S J O'Shaughnessy c Greig b Reeve 28
N H Fairbrother c Greig b le Roux 0
*J Abrahams c Gould b le Roux 20
J Simmons c Gould b C M Wells 26
†S M N Zaidi c Gould b le Roux 0
S T Jefferies not out 28
P J W Allott b Waller 20
L L McFarlane c Barclay b Waller 0
C Maynard absent hurt 0
Extras (b 1, l-b 8, n-b 4) ....
Total 159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–24, 2–28, 3–28, 4–83, 5–88, 6–88, 7–125, 8–155, 9–159.
BOWLING: le Roux 21-10-44-4; Greig 9-2-28-0; Reeve 13-4-35-2; C M Wells 5-1-19-1; Waller 8.2-3-10-2; Barclay 9-8-9-0.

SUSSEX: First innings 303 for 7 dec (P W G Parker 92, G D Mendis 80, A P Wells 57 not out; S T Jefferies 4 for 74).

Second Innings
G D Mendis l-b-w b McFarlane 14
A M Green c O'Shaughnessy b Jefferies 20
*J R T Barclay b Fairbrother 49
P W G Parker b Allott 43
C M Wells not out 13
†A P Wells not out 8
Extras (b 5, n-b 1) 6
Total (4 wkts) 153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–33, 2–47, 3–127, 4–132.
BOWLING: Allott 13-2-35-1, Jefferies 12-0-38-1, McFarlane 10-2-28-1, Simmons 5-1-21-0, Zaidi 4-0-13-0, Fairbrother 3.1-1-11-1.
Bonus points:
Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White.

Surrey v Leicestershire

THE OVAL: Leicestershire (23pts) beat Surrey (4) by 3 wickets.
SURREY: First innings 115 (J P Agnew 5 for 44) and 266 (M A Lynch 144; J P Agnew 5 for 76).
LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 259 (M A Garnham 84, P B Clift 58, T J Boon 51; S T Clarke 6 for 62).

Second Innings
J J Whitaker c Payne b Waterman 37
I P Butcher retired hurt 2
P Willey b Thomas 5
T J Boon b Pocock 8
†M A Garnham b Waterman 0
P B Clift c Payne b Thomas 9
A M E Roberts not out 32
*D I Gower b Pocock 13
G J Parsons c Richards b Thomas 0
N G B Cook not out 3
Extras (b 11, l-b 3) 14
Total (7 wkts) 123

J P Agnew did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–33, 2–62, 3–62, 4–65, 5–87, 6–101, 7–102.
BOWLING: Clarke 12.3-1-43-0; Thomas 11-0-32-3; Waterman 5-1-16-2; Pocock 5-1-18-2.
Umpires: J A Jameson and M J Kitchen.

Fixtures

County Championship (11.0)
ILFORD: Essex v Derbyshire
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Yorkshire
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Sussex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey
BATH: Somerset v Lancashire

Other match
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Glamorgan (11.30-6.30)
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire; The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex; Hove: Sussex v Middlesex; Hove: Sussex v Essex; Knowle Dorridge: Warwickshire v Somerset; Old Hill: Worcestershire v Leicestershire; Elland: Yorkshire v Kent.
TOUR MATCH: Bourne: Lincolnshire v Kenya.
Minor Counties: Durham City: Durham v Bedfordshire; Watford: Hertfordshire v Staffordshire.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bearwood v Leighton Park; Brentwood v Headmaster's XI; Wrekin v Shropshire Gentlemen.

Leicestershire look over their shoulders

Leicestershire endured one or two worrying moments before eventually beating Surrey by three wickets at the Oval yesterday and consolidating their lead in the county championship table.

When play resumed in the morning, they needed 26 runs to win with five wickets left, but Gower and Parsons were both removed before the target was reached.

But Roberts and Cook steered them home without further trouble, bringing Leicestershire 23 points

But Essex showed that they will not relinguish their title easily. Lever and Pringle spearheaded the champions to a remarkable 35-run victory over Warwickshire at Ilford.

After the visitors had been left a modest target of 155, they were bowled out for 119 in 46.1 overs.

Sussex completed their third championship success of the season in workman-like style at Old Trafford, beating Lancashire by six wickets.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Leicestershire (4)	8	4	0	4	17	28	109
Nottm'shire (14)	8	4	1	3	18	24	106
Essex (1)	8	3	2	3	13	25	87
Sussex (11)	7	3	1	3	17	22	83
Kent (7)	7	3	1	3	14	17	79
Worcs'shire (16)	8	2	2	4	19	24	75
Yorkshire (17)	6	2	0	4	17	11	60
Hampshire (3)	7	1	4	2	19	19	54
Northants (6)	7	1	3	3	21	14	51
Glamorgan (15)	7	1	2	4	14	18	48
Somerset (10)	6	1	2	3	11	20	47
Middlesex (2)	6	1	2	3	14	15	45
Surrey (8)	9	0	3	6	17	28	45
Derbyshire (9)	7	0	1	6	22	21	43
Gloucs'shire (12)	6	1	1	4	9	13	38
Warwickshire (5)	6	0	1	5	20	15	35
Lancashire (13)	7	0	1	6	15	18	33

Sussex total includes 12pts for a win in a match recuced to one innings a side.
1983 positions in brackets

FOOTBALL: ALLEN STANDS BY TO MAKE FIRST FULL APPEARANCE FOR ENGLAND

Chance for Spain to recover pride

Madrid (Reuter) – Spain, still haunted by the memory of failing before their own supporters in the 1982 World Cup can win back their reputation and pride in the European Championship finals in France.

Spain qualified by thrashing Malta 12-1 last December, after looking certain to be eliminated from the finals. The game was the last in Spain's qualifying group, in which their closest rivals, the Netherlands, had amassed an apparently insurmountable goal difference. The Spaniards had all but resigned themselves to failing again.

Spain's greatest achievement came 28 years ago, when they won the European Nations' Cup by beating the Soviet Union 2-1 in the final in Madrid, but the manager, Miguel Muñoz, took over after their humiliating elimination in the second round of the World Cup finals two years ago.

Muñoz, aged 62, took a 20-man squad to play warm-up games against Switzerland, Hungary and Yugoslavia. A 4-0 victory in a rain-drenched match in Switzerland showed they had lost none of their new-found enthusiasm or goalscoring ability. But against a dour and awkward Hungarian side in Budapest, they looked less convincing and could only manage a 1-1 draw.

Spain have been drawn against Romania, Portugal and the holders, West Germany, in Group Two, and face Romania in their opening game in St Etienne tomorrow evening.

In his squad, Muñoz has opted for a powerful blend of youth and experience, calling on the World Cup veterans, Arconada, goalkeeper and captain, and the centre forward, Santillana, as well as a clutch of promising youngsters, including the under-21 midfield player, Lopez, of Seville, and Valencia's Fernandez.

"Gordillo, the Real Betis midfield player, is one of the most popular Spanish players. His tireless running and intuitive reading of the game make him an enormous asset and he is likely to combine on the left with his good friend, the Real Madrid defender, Camacho.

The line-up is also expected to include Barcelona's study workhorse, Victor Muñoz, and Zaragoza's Señor, who is being groomed as the team's midfield inspiration, but has so far failed to live up to his potential.

Although the central defender, Goicoechea, has appeared only nine times for his country, he has already won a formidable reputation.

France win

After more than an hour of frustration against a stifling defence, France finally took off in the opening match of the European Championship in Paris when they beat Denmark 1-0 with a goal 12 minutes from time by their captain, Platini. But the victory was soured when Amoros, their full back, was sent off a few minutes from the end for petulant retaliation on Jesper Olsen, the Danish substitute.

No plain sailing on the River Plate

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Montevideo

England have entered not so much a different country, more a different world. In moving south from Brazil to Uruguay, the clock has been turned back in one sense (the largely deserted city that sits on the mouth of the copper-coloured River Plate seems to have been caught in a time-warp) and forward in another.

Last Sunday afternoon England walked into the Maracanã with hope as their lone companion. Then they had nothing to lose. But tonight they will step into the National Stadium, where the pitch has been soaked by the heaviest storms here for more than two decades, accompanied by expectation. Now they have something to prove.

Should they be defeated by Uruguay (for the first time for 30 years), their victory over Brazil (even though it was the first for 27 years) will be seen in a new and less dazzling light. That is the price they have to pay for their unexpected success, and also a measure of how quickly the picture can change.

Uruguay may be the current champions of South America, but the side that faces England will be unrecognizable. They are almost exclusively reserves. The only survivor from their last international eight months ago, a 2-0 win over Brazil to claim the title, is their goalkeeper, Rodrigues. Of the others, eight have since left the country, one is injured, and another is suspended.

Although Peñarol and Nacional are the only outstanding clubs, Bobby Robson is aware that Uruguay continually produces players of genuine skill. Yet he foresees that the main problem will be a less acceptable sort of trickery.

"It seems acceptable here that if the ball goes past you, the player following it does not," he said with delicate diplomacy.

He was touching on the subject of Uruguay's infamous roughness. Their domestic disciplinary record is the worst in the world. During each game, an astonishing average of 1.7 are sent off. But Robson pointed out that his own representatives, accustomed to physical commitment, "can take care of themselves on that score."





Family fortune: Mark Hateley (left) is threatening to rise in stature above his father, Tony, pictured right, late in his career with Notts County

Not surprisingly he has selected the same formation, although injuries, as usual, may yet force him to change his line-up. Woodcock, troubled by a pulled hamstring that has severely limited his training for the last three weeks, is the most serious doubt. "He is missing third gear," Robson said, "but obviously I want him to play if he can."

If not, Allen, who replaced Woodcock for the last quarter of an hour against Brazil and then impressed Robson in practice, will come in for his first full appearance. Bryan Robson, Wilkins, and Hateley, already threatening to rise in stature above his father, will all have recovered sufficiently from the stresses and strains that "are so typical at the end of a long, hard season."

England's manager confirmed that he has tied concrete blocks of realism around the feet of his squad. "We must not get carried away. It was marvellous to write a little piece of history in Brazil, but we cannot think that everything from now on is plain sailing." Then he added, with poignancy: "I sometimes wonder if the players realise that there are 40 million people back home who are banking on them."

ITALIAN CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Fiorentina 1, Bari 2 (Bari win 4-2 on agg); Verona 1, Udinese 0 (agg 3-0, Verona win on away goals); Sampdoria 1, Torino 1 (agg 1-1; Torino win on away goals); AC Milan 1, Roma 2 (after extra time; Roma win 5-2 on agg).

One-sided TV view

ITV's plan to have just two one-hour lunch-time "highlight" programmes on successive Saturdays on the European championships – because no British teams are involved – has angered the BBC.

The rival companies had split their coverage, with a group each, the BBC gaining the one containing West Germany and Spain. ITV, despite having matches featuring France, the joint favourites, and Denmark, have dropped live coverage.

BBC kick off with live late-night coverage of England's summer tour game in Uruguay tonight; tomorrow they show European championship highlights of West Germany v Portugal and Spain v Romania; on Sunday, in another late-night special, they show European highlights of West Germany v Romania and Portugal v Spain as well as England v Chile.

Into the unknown

Lens (Reuter) – Belgium and Yugoslavia voyage into the unknown when they meet here tonight in the European Championship finals.

Belgium's manager, Guy Thys, had to create a new defence after the Standard Liège bribes scandal in February left him without five key players.

Yugoslavia's manager, Todor Veselinovic, has experimented with no fewer than 53 players since taking over the team after their disappointing showing in the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

Thys learnt only a few days ago that he would be without one of his last remaining experienced defenders, Renquin, who is required by his Swiss club, Servette Geneva. With the notable exception of Pfaff, of Bayern Munich, Belgium will field a defence that contributed little to the team's impressive run

Thys may decide that his best tactic is to concentrate on attack, where he is expected to field a promising newcomer in Nico Claesen, the top scorer in the Belgian League this year. His forwards could also benefit from the presence of the 18-year-old Enzo Scifo, the son of Italian immigrants who was granted Belgian citizenship just in time for the finals. An attacking midfield player, Scifo is one of Europe's most highly rated young players.

Thys has hinted that he does not expect his recast side to emulate their success at the last European finals in Italy four years ago.

Yugoslav hopes of exploiting any weaknesses in the Belgian defence rest mainly on the forward, Susic, of Paris Saint-Germain. Their most skilful and experienced forward, he scored the goal that beat Spain in a warm-up match five days ago.

BELGIUM (Probable): J M Pfaff; L Clijsters, W De Greef or G Grun, P Lambrichts, M De Wolf, E Scifo, F Vercauteren, J Ceulemans, L Coeck or R Vandereycken; E Vandenbergh; N Claesen.

YUGOSLAVIA (Probable): Z Simovic; V Zajec, F Hadzibegic, N Stojkovic, S Katanec, M Sestic, I Gudelj, M Bazdarevic, S Halilovic, S Susic, Z Vujovic.

Referee: E Fredriksson (Sweden).

Hull give job to Horton

The Luton Town captain, Brian Horton, has been appointed player/manager of Hull City. His appointment was announced in Florida, where the Third Division Humberside club are on Tour.

Hull's chairman, Don Robinson, said: "Brian wants to be a winner and is convinced we can reach the Second Division."

Horton has flown to Florida to join the club in time for tonight's game with Tampa Bay Rowdies. He succeeds Colin Appleton, who moved to Swansea City last month.

Horton, aged 35, has made nearly 600 league appearances for Port Vale, Brighton and Luton and holds an FA coaching qualification. He leaves Luton on a free transfer.

● Steve Penny, the Brighton winger, has been invited by the Northern Ireland manager, Billy Bingham, to attend an Under-23 international course in Belfast later this month.

RACING: LEQUEUX'S JOURNEY POINTER TO PARLIAMENT

Seigneur on handy mark to recoup the Chester losses

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With only 8st to carry, Seigneur (nap) looks a sporting bet to win the George Smith Memorial Handicap at Newbury this afternoon and so partially compensate John Pearce, his owner breeder, for the rather disappointing runs at Epsom last Saturday by his two good fillies, Miss Saint-Cloud and Miss Beaulieu.

Seigneur started favourite to win a similar sort of race at Chester in May but the gamble failed because he was badly hampered at a crucial stage in some scrimmaging so typical of many of the races run on the tight Roodeye course. Before that, Seigneur had run well enough behind Dom Martino at Newmarket in April and behind Turn The Key at Newbury last October, to suggest that he is on the right mark to carry off today's events.

Saturnian, the likely favourite in spite of the fact that he has 9 st 7 lb to carry, will be ridden by Willie Carson, who has a number of other fancied rides for Dick Hern, notably His Honour, Lucky Ring and Silent Sun.

Well as Silent Sun should go in the Twyford Stakes, following that fluent victory at Lingfield last month, I still prefer Ballinderry, who was in front of her when they finished third and fifth, respectively, behind the subsequent Oaks winner, Circus Plume, in the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes, which was run over today's course and distance midway through May.

But His Honour and Lucky Ring can keep followers of the champion jockey and West Ilsley happy by winning the Piper Champagne Handicap and the Berkshire Stakes.

It was at Newbury that His Honour ran his best race last season when he was runner-up to Jupiter Island in the Autumn Cup. Over only one mile and five furlongs, that out-and-out stayer Morgan's Choice, the Chester Cup runner-up, should not have enough pace to trouble His Honour, who ran so well behind Prince of Peace at Newmarket in April.

Lucky Ring, a son of that fast horse Auction Ring, and a full brother to Luck of the Draw, is preferred to Bassenthwaite and Yeti Song for the Berkshire Stakes even though he lacks their experience.

It is of no little significance that Alain Lequeux has flown from France to ride Parliament in the Hermitage Stakes. When he was trained in Ireland last year, Parliament was good enough to finish third in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, beaten less than two lengths. Now he is trained at Newmarket by Olivier Douieb and his first race for his new handler behind Adonijah at Sandown augured well.

At Yarmouth there is a good chance that Lester Piggott will win two more races for Henry Cecil on Master Wit (3.15) and Babacoote (4.15). Apparently Master Wit has been going sufficiently well on the



Hern: several fancied runners at Newbury today

heath recently to foster encouragement that he will begin this season where he left off last, on a winning note.

Another Newmarket trainer, Harry Thomson Jones, has made a habit of farming the Hilary Needler Trophy at Beverley in recent years. Whether Shurooq, his runner there tonight, succeeds in following in the footsteps of last year's heroine Alghuzaylah would seem to depend on whether she can cope with Rocket Royale who did so well at Thirsk recently to beat that fast filly Rest by a short head.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 2.0 B M Wonder. 2.30 Fan Club. 4.0 Sylvan Barnum, Vindango, Welsh Willie. YARMOUTH: 2.16 Benny's Eyes. 3.45 Alconbury Hill. 4.15 Zaybak. BEVERLEY: 6.45 Arms Girl. 8.35 Sharp And Ready.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Miners Northumberland Plate Handicap, Newcastle: Horseshoe Bay, Keyops, Bel-A-Versaille. All engagements (dead): Pipe Band, Lady Sheba, Russian Society, Leap Wall, Successful, Staphalotus, Strange Fruit, Not So Dusty.

Carson picks up ground with double

Willie Carson, the reigning champion jockey, struggling to get in contention in the jockeys' table, took his score to 30 with a near 9-1 double on the Copacabana Kid and Alpine Strings at Lingfield Park yesterday. The mount on The Copacabana Kid in the selling race was a present fom Pat Eddery, who was originally booked for the ride. Next week Eddery starts a 10-day suspension and The Copacabana Kid's trainer, John Sutcliffe, said: "I think he wanted a little holiday before the big one!"

Carson's second winner, Alpine Strings, had to work a bit harder before beating Ardrox Lad by threequarters of a length in the June Sprint Handicap, but Robert Armstrong, the trainer, could not have been more pleased. "He's been coughing, has been back in work only 10 days, and I'm delighted to see him return like this."

Al Amead, who started at 25-1 when he scored here last month, started 7-2 favourite, in the Secret Lemonade Drinker Handicap and clearly enjoying the extra furlong, won pulling up by three lengths from Go Bananas. Not surprisingly, John Benstead the trainer said that Al Amead would be back at Longfield at the first opportunity.

Richard Quinn, riding for the first time since losing his allowance at Haydock Park on Saturday, showed that he is more than capable of taking on all comers at level weights with a very stylish victory on Music City in the Hall Handicap.

Milton Bradley, the Chepstow trainer, saddling his first winner of the season, feared that the ground would be too firm, but Music City handled it well enough.

● Lester Piggott joined Tony Ives at the top of the jockeys' table with 39 winners when he stormed home on the 4-1 shot, Rothko, an eight-lengths winner of the Blackfriars Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth. It was a cracking performance by Charles St George's three-year-old, on his second racecours appearance, particularly as Piggott reported to Olivier Dovieb, the trainer, that despite the ease with which he won, his mind was not on racing.

"I think with this colt we shall be thinking in terms of next year," St George said. He then watched Piggott beaten on his 2-1 on newcomer, Gentileschi, who went under by a length to Native Skier as the pair came away from the field in the Hopton Maiden Stakes.

Lingfield results

Going: good to firm.

2.0 (1m 2f) 1, MUSIC CITY (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Majestic Star (N. Howe, 33-1); 3, Leopard's Rock (Carol Heath, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Profit Warrant (4th), 6 Fort Nayef, 15-2 Onassilos, 8 Dignified Air (5th), 12 Sparkler Spirit, 14 Dancer's Emulation, Harbour Bridge, Kiev (6th), 33 Moniar, The Warrior, Battle Master. 14 ran. NR: Super Grass. 1l, 3l, sh hd, 1l, 2l. J Bradley at Chepstow. TOTE: £4.60; £1.50, £57.20, £3.90. DF: £563.00. CSF: £134.37. Tricast: £4,289.80. 2min 08.20sec.

2.30 (5f) 1, THE COPOCABANA KID (W Carson, 4-5 fav); 2, Lean Streak (B Rouse, 5-1); 3, That Would Be Nice (R Curant, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Taxi Meter (6th), 14 Molly's Boy (5th), 20 Maestro's Nap, Medellin (4th). 7 ran. 5l, 7l, hd, nk, 10l. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. TOTE: £1.80; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.57. 1min 00.07sec.

3.00 (1m 4f) 1, VAN DYKE BROWN (Julie Cecil 1-3 fav); 2, Chesty (Lydia Pearce 40-1); 3, Our Island Story (Gaia Johnson-Houghton 8-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Malistrano, Wing And A Prayer (4th); 14 Spey Bridge; 33 Midnight Mouse (6th); 50 Bettyknowes (5th); Espanita; 100 No Hack; No Ink. 11 ran. 4l, nk, 2½, ¾, 2½. H Cecil at Newmarket. TOTE WIN: £1.40, PLACES: £1.10, £3.60, £1.80. DF: £19.40; CSF: £16.77. Time 2m 37.76sec.

3.30 (6f) 1, ALPINE STRINGS (W Carson 9-2); 2, Ardrox Lad (N Adams 5-1); 3, Dawn's Delight (T Williams 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Catcher In The Rye; 8 Roman Ruler; 9 Alev; Treder Trader (6th); 14 Yangtse-Kiang (5th); 16 Bold Secret; 20 Morse Dip (4th); Lady Clementine; Our Katy. 12 ran. ¾l, ½l, hd, sh-hd. R Armstrong at Newmarket. TOTE WIN: £3.60. PLACES: £1.40, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £6.40. CSF: £28.10. TRICAST: £80.79. 1m 08.99sec.

4.00 (7f) 1, AL AMEAD (B Rouse 7-2 fav); 2, Go Banana's (R Cochrane 9-2); 3, Tom Forrester (W Carson 14-1); 4, Son of Raja (J Matthias 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Free Range, 7 Fairy Bluebird, 14 Air Strike, Close To You, Sleepline Consort, 16 Sitex, 20 Atkins, Bucks Fizz Music (6th), Mr Rose (5th), 25 Little Egret, Press Baron, Mrs Three shoes. 16 ran. 3l, 1l, ½l, hd, 1½l. C Benstead at Epsom. TOTE Wir £3.80. Places: £1.70, £1.10, £2.40, £3.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £20.85. Tricast: £190.11. 1m 21.10s.

4.30 (6f) 1, PONTEVECCHIO DUE (G Baxter 6-1); 2, Mirabiliary (G Duffield 8-1); 3, Joli's Girl (W Carson 11-4). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Fortune's Ring, 10 Candy Rose (4th), 12 Celtic Image, Waytefield (5th), 14 Luni, 20 Bettina Park (6th), 25 Blair's Winnie. NR: Swift and Sure. 10 ran. ½l, 3l, 1l, 1l. B Hobbs at Newmarket. TOTE Win: £11.80. Places: £2.20, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £19.50. CSF: £54.02. 1m 11.21s.

TOTE DOUBLE: £4.15, £60.50. PLACEPOT: £5.90. JACKPOT: £2,526.30.

Yarmouth

2.15 (6f 25yd) 1, CARRIBEAN SONG (P Robinson, 6-1); 2, Saleum (L Piggott, 13-8 fav); 3, Lord Jagged (B Thomson, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Jandan (5th), 33 Cartoon (6th), Gina's Match (4th). 6 ran. NR: Break The Tape. 4l, 2½l, 3l, 3l. F Durr at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.10; £1.70, £1.20. DF: £2.70. CSF: £14.74.

2.45 (1m) 1, HILLSDOWN LAD (A Bond, 9-1); 2, B M C Special (C Allen, 40-1); 3, Sky Jump (L Piggott, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Chief Speaker, Tropical Storm (4th), 10 Song To Singo (6th), 12 Shiny Barn, 14 Deuces Wild, 20 Saffron Lady, 25 Periculo Ludus, 40 Quite Alert, Bushy Bay (6th). 12 ran. ½l, 1½l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l. J Harrison at Malton Mowbray. TOTE: £23.60; £6.90, £25.90, £1.10. DF: 1st or 2nd with any horse £3.30. CSF: £232.04. TRICAST: £893.25. Bought in 1,100 gns.

3.15 (1m2f) 1, HOLMBURY (M Miller, 13-2); 2, Stonehenge (B Thomson, 4-1); 3, Video Man (P Robinson, 2-1 fav).
Also ran: 7-2 Alawir (6th), 11-2 Sir Blessed (4th), 20 Bardan (5th), 33 Lucy Reynolds. 7 ran. 1½l, 2l, 2½l, 4l, ½l. G Huffer at Newmarket. Tote: £9.10; £3.60, £2.00. DF: £21.70. CSF: £29.50.

3.45 (5f) 1, GODSTRUTH (T Heller, 40-1); 2, Rapid Miss (P Bloomfield, (5-1); 3, Panchetta (L Piggott, 5-2 jt fav).
Also ran: 5-2 jt fav Try Me, 8 Seven Clubs, 9 To Oneiro, 16 You're so Vain (6th), 33 Captiva (5th), Blue Donna (4th), Songroid, 40 Kathleen's Money. 11 ran. 2½l, 1l, Sh Hd, 1½l, 1l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £38.20; £9.00, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £66.70. CSF: £203.90. Tricast: £527.39.

4.15 (1m 6f) 1, ROTHKO (L Piggott, 4-1); 2, As Sakab (A Murray, 6-1); 3, Lacistes (P Madden, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Vlassova (5th), 12 Greenstead Lady (4th), 14 Binfield Express, 25 Sister Dympna, 40 Royal Agenda, 50 Granard, Joan Addison, My Ditty, Relkolaire, Sandyla (6th), Tavargos. 14 ran. 8l, 2l, 3l, 6l, 2l. O Douieb at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.10; £2.10; £1.70, £4.00. DF: £9.60. CSF: £27.40.

4.45 (6f) 1, NATIVE SKIER (P Bradwell, 6-1); 2, Gentileschi (L Piggott, 1-2 fav); 3, Bantu Warrior (P Madden, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Donovan's Choice (5th), 16 The Howard (4th), 40 Full Beam, Lakino (6th), Sophie Louise. 8 ran. NR: Sonoleve. 1l, 10l, 1l, sh hd, 2½l. C Britain at Newmarket. TOTE: £8.40; £2.30, £1.20, £2.10. DF: £4.10. CSF: £8.93. Tote Double: £23.25. Treble: £73.85. Placepot £15.75.

NEWBURY

GOING: good to firm
Draw: no advantage
TOTE: double 3.0, 4.0: treble 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 ILSLEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,802: 5f) (7 runners)

101 9 ANALDI (Mrs D Strauss) R Hannon 8-11 ...... A McGlone 1
102 B M WONDER (B) (L Ward) D Sasse 8-11 ...... D McKay 7
103 20 CERISE BOUQUET (BF) Lord Porchester) W Hern 8-11 ...... W Carson 3
104 MRS SAUGA (S Mason) N Vigors 8-11 ...... P Cook 2
107 RIGILLA (C Karpidas) P Walwyn 8-11 ...... J Mercer 5
109 SWIFT AND SURE (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 ...... S Cauthen 4
111 WRIT (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ...... B Thomson 6
1983: Follow Me Follow 8-11 L Piggott (3-1) J Winter 15 ran.

6-4 Swift And Sure, 5-2 Writ, 9-2 Cerise Bouquet, 6 Rigilla, 12 B M Wonder, Analdi, 14 Mrs Sauga.

Newbury selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Rigilla. 2.30 Parliament. 3.0 His Honour. 3.30 Lucky Ring. 4.0 SEIGNEUR (nap). 4.30 Double Celt.

By our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 On Oath. 3.0 Down Flight. 4.0 Seigneur. 4.30 Double Celt.

2.30 HERMITAGE STAKES (£4,064: 1m) (10)

202 0-04230 WELSH IDOL (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 4-9-6 ...... S Cauthen 8
204 0040-04 NORTHERN TALK (V Marshall) J Old 4-9-0 ...... J Reid 10
205 13000-3 PARLIAMENT (Mrs P Stokes) O Douieb 4-9-0 ...... A Lequeux 3
206 312-0 ON OATH (Marquesa de Moratella) B Hobbs 3-8-8 ...... G Baxter 5
207 000000- HARD OAK (J Wernman) J Fox 4-8-7 ...... R Cochrane 7
208 430004 ACCLAIMATION (D) (N Howley) C N Williams 3-8-2 ...... P Waldron 4
210 010-041 FAN CLUB (B) (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 3-8-2 ...... R Hills 6
211 200-000 GHAZIBAY (Hillfields Farming) E Witts 3-8-2 ...... T Williams 2
212 21- MACARTHURS HEAD (D) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 3-8-2 ...... B Rouse 9
216 ROXBURY PARK (A Ross) J Dunlop 3-7-13 ...... W Carson 1
1983: Orixo 3-8-2 W Carson (10-11 fav) W Hern 10 ran.

15-8 Parliament, 5-2 Welsh Idol, 11-2 MacArthurs Head, 8 Fan Club, On Oath, 12 Roxbury Park, 25 others.

FORM. WELSH IDOL (9-3) 11½l 6th of 7 to Adonijah (9-9) (Epsom 1m, £19,280, good, June 6). PARLIAMENT (9-6) 1l 3rd of 9 to Adonijah (8-6) (Sandown 1m 2f, £18,675, soft, May 26). ON OATH (9-1 9th of 16 to Royal Halo (8-10) (Kempton 8f, £4,461, good to soft, Apr 6). FAN CLUB (8-7) ran on well, beat Zio Perrino (8-7) a short head (Hamilton 9f, £1,092, good, June 2). MACARTHURS HEAD (9-0) beat Marlion (9-0) 1l (Ayr 8f, £1,646, good, Sept 14, 18 ran).
Selection: PARLIAMENT.

3.0 PIPER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (£3,054: 1m 5f 60yd) (9)

302 422220- VOYANT (D Adams) B Hobbs 5-9-11 ...... P Waldron 1
303 /2119-0 DOWN FLIGHT (E Moller) G Wragg 4-8-10 ...... D Surrey 7 6
304 222-440 HIS HONOUR (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 4-9-7 ...... W Carson 9
307 141023- WEAVER'S PIN (Mrs M Francis) M Francis 7-8-11 ...... Paul Eddery 7
308 00-0802 MORGANS CHOICE (C J Hill) C J Hill 7-8-8 ...... T Williams 5 4
309 00-0030 DANCING ADMIRAL (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-7 ...... S Cauthen 5
310 2212-0 HOORAH HENRY (M Silver) R Hannon 4-8-4 ...... A McGlone 2
311 240-000 TURKOMAN (M Pote) D Sasse 5-7-10 ...... D McKay 3
312 600-001 PATERNOSTER ROW (B) (K Griffiths) D H Jones 5-7-10 (6 ex) ...... R Hills 8
1983: Weavers Pin 6-8-4 P Eddery (5-1) M Francis 9 ran.

5-2 Morgans Choice, 7-2 Paternoster Row, 5 Weavers Pin, 13-2 Voyant, 8 His Honour, 10 Hoorah Henry, 12 Down Flight, Dancing Admiral, 16 Turkoman.

FORM. VOYANT reluctant to race and pulled up last time, previously (9-2) not resolute, 2½l 2nd of 13 to Crusader Castle (9-6) (York 2m, £7,454, good, Aug 17). WEAVERS PIN (8-10) ¾l 3rd of 7 to Prince Of Princes (9-7) (Lingfield 2m, £2,131, good to firm, Aug 6). MORGANS CHOICE (8-3) stayed on well, short head 2nd of 19 to Contester (8-2) with HIS HONOUR (9-11) 10th (Chester 2m 2f, £15,088, good to firm, May 9). DANCING ADMIRAL (8-10) 9th and DOWN FLIGHT (9-13) last of 11 to Wagoner (9-8) (Newmarket 1m 6f, £3,194, good to soft, June 1). HOORAH HENRY (8-12) 14½l 7th of 12 to True Heritage (7-8) (Lingfield 1m 4f, £3,069, good to soft, May 26). TURKOMAN (8-5) 11th of 16 to Oranella (7-8) (Doncaster 2m 2f, £4,149, good to soft, May 28). PATERNOSTER ROW (8-4) beat Afzal (8-10) 3l (Haydock 1m 6f, £3,047, good to firm, June 8, 9 ran).
Selection: MORGANS CHOICE.

3.30 BERKSHIRE STAKES (2-y-o: £3,180: 5f) (3)

402 6 BASSENTHWAITE (S Niarchos) J Tree 8-8 ...... S Cauthen 2
404 LUCKY RING (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-8 ...... W Carson 3
405 3 YETI SONG (R Tikkoo) G Hunter 8-8 ...... P Waldron 1
1983: Turn And Fly 8-8 P Waldron (5-1) G Lewis 5 ran.

11-10 Bassenthwaite, 7-4 Lucky Ring, 7-2 Yeti Song.

4.0 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,344: 6f) (11)

501 021-022 SATURNIAN (D) (BF) (Lady Chelsea) W Hern 9-7 ...... W Carson 7
504 0413-0 RULE OF THE SEA (Essal Commodities) G Lewis 9-4 ...... P Waldron 9
508 110-606 SPEAK NOBLY (T Upton) W Guest 9-0 ...... R Cochrane 6
513 4000-00 SYLVAN BARNUM (B) (D Johnson) P Mitchell 8-4 ...... A McGlone 5
514 043-340 VINDANGO (B) (V Maclean) P Mitchell 8-1 ...... Paul Eddery 4
516 04-09 SEIGNEUR (BF) (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-0 ...... P Cook 1
517 2102-0 WELSH WILLIE (B) (Mrs L Baerlein) C Nelson 8-0 ...... R Hills 3
520 000-010 MY SON MY SON (B) (D McIntyre) K Brassey 7-12 (7 ex) ...... R Fox 8
522 20340-0 GLEN KALLA MANX (Bar Equipment) J Fox 7-7 ...... – 11
523 02-0330 RUN RIOT (A Lansley) W Wightman 7-7 ...... G Dickie 7 10
524 0003-00 LEONA STAR (M Christodolou) M Francis 7-7 ...... T Williams 5 2
1983: Manknstar 9-3 B Raymond (7-4 fav) M Jarvis 11 ran.

5-2 Saturnian, 4 Seigneur, 11-2 Rule Of The Sea, 6 Vindango, 8 Speak Nobly, 12 Welsh Willie, My Son My Son, Sylvan Barnum, 16 Glen Kalla Manx, 20 others.

FORM: SATURNIAN (9-4) 1½l 2nd of 11 to Susa Steel (9-7) (York 6f, £3,308, good to firm, May 17). RULE OF THE SEA (9-4) tailed off, not in first 9 of 12 to Bastille (8-3) (Sandown 8f, £8,870, good to firm, Apr 28). SYLVAN BARNUM (8-7) not in first 9 of 14 to Native Charmer (9-0) (Newmarket 7f, £4,155, good to firm, Apr 17). VINDANGO (9-0) 11½l 7th of 16 to Caliph (9-0) (Sandown 5f, £2,870, good to firm, Apr 28). SEIGNEUR (8-6) 7th and WELSH WILLIE (8-4 last of 12 to Electrifying (7-8) (Chester 7f, £4,064, good to firm, May 10). MY SON MY SON (7-8) not in first 9 of 14 to Lovers Bid (7-10) (Newmarket 6f, £10,238, good, June 2). RUN RIOT (8-11) 11th of 15 to Shambolic (8-9) (Brighton 5f, £1,758, good, May 31).
Selection: MY SON MY SON

4.30 TWYFORD STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £4,233: 1m 2f) (9)

601 311 DOUBLE CELT (L Freedman) H Cecil 9-0 ...... Paul Eddery 1
605 03-01 SILENT SUN (D) (R Budgett) W Hern 8-10 ...... W Carson 7
606 32 BALLINDERRY (BF) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-7 ...... S Cauthen 6
608 3- DAWN STAR (Windflower Overseas) J Dunlop 8-7 ...... B Rouse 2
609 ESNA (G Vanian) J Dunlop 8-7 ...... J Reid 5
611 LA NOBLESSE (G Vanian) H Cecil 8-7 ...... B Thomson 8
613 0 RAZYANA (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-7 ...... S Raymont 3
614 RECAMIER (exors late Capt A Rogers) W Hern 8-7 ...... B Proctor 9
616 4 WALLADAH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-7 ...... J Mercer 4
1983: Beach Light 8-7 B Raymond (16-1) M Jarvis 9 ran.

5-2 Ballinderry, 100-30 Silent Sun, 5 La Noblesse, 7 Razyana, Double Celt, 10 Esna, 12 Dawn Star, 16 Recamier, 25 Walladah.

FORM: DOUBLE CELT (9-1) ran on, beat First Cry (7-10) ¾l (Haydock 1m 2f, £3,110, firm, May 28, 9 ran. SILENT SUN (8-0) stayed on strongly, beat Lara (8-6) 3l (Lingfield 1m 2f, £2,653, good to soft, May 28, 8 ran). BALLINDERRY (8-4) Same Pace, 1½l 2nd to Dukayna (8-5) (Sandown 8f, £3,866, soft, May 28). DAWN STAR (8-11) 3½l 3rd of 21 to Chelkov (9-0) (Newmarket 7f, £4,390, good to firm, Sept 30). RAZYANA (8-11) 2½l 2nd of 28 to Alleging (9-0) (Newmarket 7f, £4,494, good to firm, Sept 30). WALLADAH (8-11) 13½l 4th of 12 to Destroyer (9-0) (Lingfield 1m 4f, £620, good, June 1).
Selection: SILENT SUN.

● Ajarann can beat five modest rivals in the Prix Berteux over 15 furlongs at Chantilly today (Desmond Stoneham writes). The Aga Khan-owned colt is improving steadily, having scored over ten furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte before landing a similar race over an extra half furlong of the same course last week.

He won most impressively that day, and with this likely to be a slowly run affair he should have little difficulty lasting this longer trip.

Mont Basile took the Prix de L'Esperance on Prix Dollar day at Longchamp. But he has a penalty for that success and in receipt of 8lb Clarence House can provide the biggest threat to the selection.

PRIX BERTEUX (3-y-o 1m 7f). 131 Mont Basile 9-1 A Badel; -211 Ajarann 8-12 A Gibert; 300 Enoch Arden 8-12 F Head; -120 Clever Tig 8-7 G W Moore: 100 Somiam Gold 8-7 E Legrix; 01 Clarence House 8-7 G Dubroeucq.

Evens Ajarann, 5-2 Clarence House, 7-2 Mont Basile.

BOXING

Threat of eliminators hangs over Jones

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Colin Jones, who failed on two occasions to catch up with Milton McCrory, may find that the world welterweight champion is about to give him the slip once more – this time outside the ring.

Jones's manager, Eddie Thomas, has just returned from Madrid, where the World Boxing Council were meeting, with the disquieting news that the WBC might ask Jones to take part in a series of eliminators for the right to box the champion.

"Jose Sulaiman, the president of the WBC, said there were people waiting in the queue," Thomas said yesterday. "I was really surprised at this as Colin is the No 1 contender. And our board didn't even push our case. They were pushing John Mugabi, who is not even British."

That, together with the fact that McCrory's manager, Emmanuel Steward, has never hidden the fact that he was glad to see the back of the tough Welshman after McCrory escaped his clutches for the second time in Las Vegas, makes one believe Jones is going to have a devil of a time trying to corner the champion. All this, of course, makes Jones's "warm-up" with Billy Parks, of New Orleans, tonight at the Afan Lido, Aberavon, all the more important. The American is bound to feel the weight of Jones's hand in no uncertain manner as the Welshman goes out to prove that there are no ifs and buts about his No 1 position.

Thomas, though, does not underrate Parks. "You can never tell what these American boxers are made of," he said. "We could be in for a fight, but Colin is in great shape."

Jones: No 1 contender

Parks has had 30 bouts, won 23 of them, lost three and drawn four. He had a points win over Allan Braswell, whom Jones knocked out in the second round. Parks is tall and thin, like McCrory. He likes to box but does not mind a fight as well. That would be just as well for Jones

Keith Wallace – who has not boxed since his points victory over Esteban Eguia, the man Barry McGuigan destroyed the other day – picks up the threads of his bantamweight career with a bout against Peter Harris, of Swansea. There have been reports of Wallace losing interest in the game. If this is so he may be found out by Harris, who has had a couple of good wins. Wallace, however, is an accomplished boxer and, providing he does not take one in the ribs, he should win.

ROWING

Downing in search of the double

By a Special Correspondent

Downing will be going for the double in this year's Cambridge May races, which start today. Ealier this year they finished head of the Lents and now have only to regain the headship of the Mays, which they lost to Lady Margaret on the final day last year after being chased unsuccessfully for three days.

MEN

DIVISION I (7.0): LMBC, Downing, Emmanuel, Trinity Hall, Pembroke, Caius, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Jesus, Fitzwilliam, Selwyn, Clare, Christ's, Peterhouse, LMBC II, Churchill, Queens'.

DIVISION II (6.15): St Catharine's, Corpus Christi, Magdalene, Downing II, Jesus II, Sidney Sussex, Pembroke II, Emmanuel II, Clare II, LMBC III, Queens' II, Christ's II, Caius II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Selwyn II, Trinity Hall II.

DIVISION III (5.30): Jesus III, Robinson, King's, Churchill II, Fitzwilliam II, Sidney Sussex II, LMBC IV, Magdalene II, Corpus Christi II, Clare III, Peterhouse II, Trinity Hall III, Girton, St Catharine's II, Queens' III, Addenbrooke's.

DIVISION IV (4.45): Downing III, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, Jesus IV, Darwin, Churchill III, Emmanuel III, Caius III, Christ's III, King's II, 1st and 3rd Trinity IV, St Catharine's III, LMBC V, Fitzwilliam III, LMBC VI, Pembroke III, Christ's IV.

DIVISION V (4.0): Sidney Sussex, Wolfson, Selwyn III, Clare IV, Magdalene III, LMBC VII, Emmanuel VI, Corpus Christi III, Churchill IV, Pembroke IV, LMBC VII, Clare V, 1st & 3rd Trinity V, Queens' IV, Magdalene IV, St Catharine's IV.

DIVISION VI (3.15): Selwyn IV, Downing IV, Christ's V, Jesus V, Magdalene V, Corpus Christi IV, King's III, Girton II, LMBC IX, Queens' V, Sidney Sussex IV, Fitzwilliam IV, Churchill V, Caius IV, Pembroke V, Homerton.

DIVISION VII (2.30): Downing V, Emmanuel V, Clare VI, Theological Colleges, Queens' VI, Darwin II, Jesus VI, Emmanuel VI, Robinson II, Hughes Hall, 1st & 3rd Trinity VI, Downing VI, Girton III, Girton IV, Fitzwilliam V, Caius V, Corpus Christi V, Downing VII.

WOMEN

DIVISION I (7.45): Trinity Hall, New Hall, Clare, Newnham, Churchill, Newnham II, Girton, New Hall II, Homerton, Sidney Sussex, 1st & 3rd Trinity, Jesus, QMABC, Caius, Fitzwilliam, Selwyn, St Catherines's, Clare II, Christ's, Downing, New Hall III, Emmanuel.

DIVISION II (1.45): Newnham III, Churchill II, Selwyn II, Queens', Girton III, Darwin, Wolfson, LMBC, Trinity Hall II, Homerton II, Homerton III, Newnham IV, Sidney Sussex II, Robinson, Clare III, Addenbrooke's, Corpus Christi, Jesus II, Emmanuel II, Christ's II.

DIVISION III (1.0): 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Churchill III, Trinity Hall III, Caius II, QMABC II, Hughes Hall, Christ's III, Fitzwilliam II, Jesus III, St Catherine's II, Homerton IV, Girton IV, Downing II, Clare II, LMBC II, Christ's IV, Queens' II, Churchill IV, St Catharine's III, LMBC III, Jesus IV.

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd to compete in 1,500m for England

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd will compete in her first representative match when she runs for the England women's team on June 23 against Scotland, Yugoslavia and Wales at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. Miss Budd will run in the 1,500 metres, since her coach feels that she has had enough races at 3,000 metres for the time being, the distance at which she won Olympic selection for Britain last week.

Wendy Sly, who was missing from that race at Crystal Palace last week with influenza, has started training again, and although she will not be fit for Women's AAA championships this weekend, also at Crystal Palace, her selection at 3,000 metres in Birmingham will give her the opportunity to convince the selectors that she is getting back to the sort of form which took her to fifth place in both the 3,000 metres and the 1,500 metres in the world championships, last year.

Fatima Whitbread and Tessa Sanderson were second and fourth in the javelin at Helsinki. It was only the second time Miss Whitbread had beaten her older colleague. They meet at Birmingham for the first since then, and it is a return ot the venue where they starred last year in the Britain match against the Soviet Union. Miss Sanderson threw over 70 metres in that match, and improved to 73.58 metres two weeks later in Edinburgh. That remains the British record.

But, after her silver medal in Helsinki, Miss Whitbread has started this season on a higher note. On a pre-season training trip to Cyprus, she raised her best to 71.86 metres, and on a winning tour of Finland and West Germany last week she defeated the former world record holder, Antoaneta Todorova, of Bulgaria. The women's javelin is one of the few events undiminished by the Olympic withdrawals, and, with Miss Whitbread firmly convinced that she can throw 80 metres soon her re-match with Miss Sanderson is going to be the best competition in Birmingham.

ITV contract uncertainty

Whichever television company British athletics officials decide to favour when the current contract with the BBC to cover the sport runs out next spring, the sum will be at least four times the £2m paid for the last four years (Pat Butcher writes).

Reports that ITV have finally won the exclusive domestic rights that have belonged to the BBC for the last 20 years could not be confirmed by a spokesman for London Weekend Television yesterday. But the alleged sum of £10.5m for a five-year contract is evidently close to the truth, as is the £9m that the BBC are reputed to have offered.

All parties, including Nigel Cooper, for the British Amateur Athletic Board, insist that nothing had yet been decided. Mr Cooper said yesterday: "It's a very detailed, complex situation, and the negotiating committee is certainly nowhere near making a decision".

What has proved crucial to the BBC in most sports coverage contracts in the past is their assurance, as a national TV company, that all regions will be served, in contrast to ITN, who have not always been able to rely on all their regional companies wanting to receive pictures of certain events. But the advent of Channel 4, and the good faith they have tried to build up by showing such meetings as the English schools championships in the last two years, will militate in their favour.

IN BRIEF

Mikkola wins Scottish rally

Hannu Mikkola won his fifth Scottish international motor rally yesterday and then left on the first leg of the journey to New Zealand, where he will defend his world title.

His works Audi Quattro arrived in Glasgow 6min 15sec ahead of Jimmy McRae, in his Opel Manta

HOCKEY: Britain play the United States twice at Cardiff this weekend, in matches which have much greater significance now that Britain have been invited to the Olympics Games. Roger Self, the British team manager, said: "Although the United States used to be the Cinderellas of international hockey, they aren't any longer."

SQUAD: V Pappin (Scot), I Taylor (Eng), R Cattrall (Wales), S Martin (Ire), D Craig (Eng), P Barber (Eng), J Potter (Scot), R Dodds (Eng), W McConnell (Ire), D Westcott (Eng), M Precious (Eng), N Hughes (Eng), D Faulkner (Eng), S Batchelor (Eng), M Lewis (Wales), S Kerly (Eng), R Leman (Eng), J Duthie (Eng), M Grimley (Eng).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Strong side for Rockhampton

Britain have named a team of near international strength for the match against Central Queensland in Rockhampton on Friday. With the exception of halfbacks Tony Myler and Andy Gregory and the prop, Keith Rayne, ruled out through injury, the side is the same that lost the first international 25-8 to Australia on Saturday.

The touring team have only two injury worries. The forward Terry Flanagan bruised a shoulder in the unimpressive 28-18 win over Wide Bay and the half back Neil Holding is battling to shake off a knee injury.

After training yesterday the coach Frank Myler refused to concede that Friday night's team would be much the same as Great Britain would field in the second international.

GREAT BRITAIN XIII: M Burke; D Drummond, G Schofield, K Mumby, E Hanley, T Myler, A Gregory, M Worrall, C Burton, A Goodway, L Crooks, B Noble (captain), K Rayne. Reserves: R Ashton, M K Adams.

FOR THE RECORD

SHOOTING

MUNICH: International meeting: Three positions (3 x 40): J-P Amat (Fr) 1,176 pts; 2, F Rettowski (EG) 1,173; 3, M Cooper (GB), 1,172. Unplaced: B Dagger (GB), 1,156.

MODERN PENTATHLON

STOCKHOLM: International meeting: Final day: Men's shooting individual: 1, equal, J Danielsson (Swe) and J Korpela (Fin), 199/1,110 pts; 3, D Kustka (Cz), 197/1,066; 4, equal, Z Koscielak (Pol), 195/1,022 and J Olesinski (Pol), 195/1,022 and M Mumford (GB), 195/1,022 and K Gerlach (WG), 195/1,022. Men's shooting, team event: 1, equal, Sweden 11/3,022 and Finland 111,022 and Poland 3,022; 4, Czechoslovakia 3,000; 5, West Germany 2,934 and Sweden 1/2,934 and Soviet Union, 2,934; 8, Great Britain, 2,890; 10, Italy, 2,802.

Women's shooting, individual: 1, A-L Wings (Swe), 199 (world record)/1,110pts; 2 equal, I Kiseleva (USSR) and Rutkowska (Pol), 194/1,000; 4, A Bajan (Pol), 193/978; 5, P Svarre (Den), 192/956. Women's shooting, team: 1, Poland, 2,890; 2, Finland, 2,802; 3, Denmark, 2,692; 4, Sweden I, 2,604; 5 equal, Sweden II and Finland, 2,494; 7, France, 2,472; 8, Great Britain, 2,340; 9, Italy, 2,142; 10, Canada, 2,054; 11, West Germany, 2,010.

MOTOR CYCLING

WATKINS GLENS, NEW YORK: United States Grand Prix: 1, E Lejeune (Bel), Honda, 31 pts; 2, T Michaud (Fr), Fantic, 33; 3, J Lamkin (GB) Fantic, 35; 4, A Codina (Sp), Montesa, 47; 5, A Scarlett (GB), Yamaha, 48; 6, L Gallach (Sp), Mer, 55.

FOOTBALL

HUNGARIAN CUP: Final: Siofok Bangasz 2, Raba Eto 1.
ADDIS ABABA: Three-nation tournament: Final Ethiopia 2, Zimbabwe 0.
MEXICO CITY: Championship final, second leg: America (Mexico City) 3, Guadalajara 1 (America win 5-3 on agg).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 9, New York Yankees 6; Texas Rangers 6, Oakland Athletics 3; Baltimore Orioles 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Detroit Tigers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 4.

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	44	14	.759	–
Toronto	36	22	.621	8
Baltimore	34	26	.567	11
Boston	30	28	.517	14
New York	25	32	.439	18½
Milwaukee	24	33	.421	19½
Cleveland	21	34	.382	21½
Western Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
California	32	28	.533	–
Chicago	29	29	.500	2
Minnesota	28	31	.475	3½
Kansas City	26	29	.473	3½
Seattle	28	33	.459	4½
Oakland	26	34	.433	6
Texas	25	35	.417	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 2, Chicago Cubs 1; New York Mets 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; St Louis Cardinals 6, Philadelphia Phillies 4; San Diego Padres 5, Atlanta Braves 4; San Francisco Giants 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; Houston Astros 3, Cincinnati Reds 2.

Eastern division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	32	25	.561	–
New York	30	24	.556	½
Philadelphia	31	26	.544	1
St Louis	31	30	.508	3
Montreal	29	30	.482	4
Pittsburgh	22	34	.393	9½
Western Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Diego	35	23	.603	–
Atlanta	34	27	.557	2½
Los Angeles	34	28	.548	3
Cincinnati	28	33	.459	8½
Houston	25	34	.424	10½
San Francisco	20	37	.351	14½

BOARDSAILING

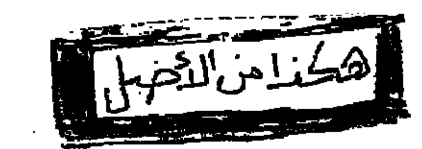
TORBAY: INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC REGATTA: SECOND ROUND (Eng unless stated): 1 D Perks; 2 M Whaley; 3 N Tillett. Overall: 1 Perks; 2 Hackford; 3 Tillett.

Today's fixtures

FOOTBALL

European Championship, Group I: Belgium v Yugoslavia (Lens, 7.30)
International match
Uruguay v England (Montevideo, 11.0pm BST)

ROWING: Cambridge May races
BOXING: Colin Jones v Billy Parks (New Orleans) Aberavon
EQUESTRIAN: Royal International Horse Show (Birmingham)
YACHTING: Wingfider Olympic trials (Torquay)
ATHLETICS: Army Championships (Portsmouth); Wycombe Phoenix Open Meeting (High Wycombe)
CROQUET: Challenge and Gilbey Tournament (Hunstanton)
GOLF: Frilford Heath Gold Medal Tournament (Frilford Heath GC); British Women's Amateur Championship (Royal Troon GC)
TENNIS: Stella Artois Championships (Queen's Club, West Kensington); Edgbaston Cup (Birmingham); Chapel Allerton Tournament (Chapel Allerton LTC, Leeds)
ROAD RUNNING: Forbanks Road Relay (Beckenham)



RACING: CECIL MAY CHANGE GOLD CUP PLAN

Band's defection may put Karadar on path to gold

By Michael Seely

Karadar is likely to start favourite to repeat Michael Stoute's 1970 triumph with Shangamuzo in next week's Ascot Gold Cup. The news that Band as well as Little Wolf will be an absentee from the line-up of the centrepiece of the Royal Meeting has obviously increased the chances of the Aga Khan's tough battler going one better than in 1983 when he was narrowly defeated by Santella Man in the Queen's Vase.

Last season, Karadar showed himself to be one of the best stayers in training when beating Gildoran and Mountain Lodge in the Doncaster Cup, and again when proving too strong for Another Sam in Newmarket's Jockey Club Cup. "I would like to have got a preliminary run into the horse", Stoute said yesterday, "but the ground was too rough at Haydock, and too soft in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown".

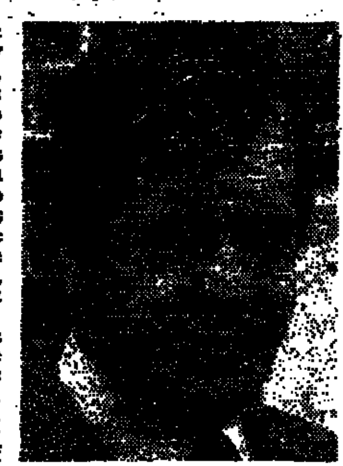
The shape of the opposition to Karadar is by no means certain. Carlingford Castle failed to confirm the promise shown as runner-up to Band at York when disappointingly beaten by Harfy at Sandown Park. Henry Cecil has not yet decided whether last year's St Leger third will go for the Gold Cup or the mile-and-a-half Hardwicke Stakes on the Friday.

However, an interesting possibility is that Prince Of Peace, Warren Place's impressive winner of last Friday's Northern Dancer Handicap at Epsom, may be rerouted from the Queen's Vase to the Gold Cup. Ore, last season's Henry II Stakes winner for Willie Musson, was staying on strongly when fourth to Band at York, and is likely to make a formidable challenge.

Walter Swinburn, Karadar's jockey, is one of four riders with an obvious chance of taking the top honours at the meeting, the others being Lester Piggott, who will be bidding to head the list for the seventh time in the past nine years, Willie Carson, last year's outright winner, and Steve Cauthen.

Stoute's nine probable runners will include Leipzig, who is to take on Pebbles, the 1,000 Guineas winner, in the Coronation Stakes, Top Socialite, Chantaco, and Petorius. Top Socialite, an easy winner at Sandown is but one of several fast fillies who are under orders for Wednesday's Queen Mary Stakes.

It has not yet been confirmed that Piggott will be deputizing for the banend Pat Eddery on Vincent O'Brien's powerful team, which includes Argosy, Esperanto and Magic Mirror. Argosy is expected to be one of the bankers of the meeting in the Jersey Stakes and Magic Mirror will be the trainer's first two-year-old runner at the fixture since Solinus in 1977 in the Norfolk Stakes. Willie Shoemaker and Steve Cauthen are other jockeys who have been tipped as possible riders for the Ballydoyle team, and an announcement is expected today.



Stoute: nine probable runners at Royal Ascot

Darell McHargue must be regarded as a live outsider for the jockeys' title. Luca Cumani will have several fancied runners, which include Tolomeo, who will be making his reappearance in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, Commanche Run, Cama's Lake and Torwar.

The quiet American is also likely to be riding the favourite for the William Hill Trophy, the highlight of Timeform's day in aid of cancer relief at York on Saturday. Bechamel has been installed 7-1 favourite by the sponsors

Turner edges out great rival

Point-to-point, by Brian Beel

All three major point-to-point titles were at stake at the final meeting of the season, the Torrington Farmers at Umberleigh, on Saturday. David Truner and Peter Greenhall had each ridden 19 winners and shared the lead in the *Daily Telegraph* Cup for gentlemen riders.

Jenny Pidgeon was in the lead, but only by one, from Mandy Lingard in the *Sporting Life* Cup for Ladies and Flying Ace, unbeaten in nine point-to-points was one win ahead in the Grand Mariner title.

Greenall had two rides and Turner one. They met in the men's open where Royal Missile (Greenall) was more fancied in the betting market than Turner's Swarm. Not for the first time this season the punters were proved wrong as Swarm took the lead after half a circuit and was never headed, winning by three lengths from Bad Job. Royal Missile, though prominent for most of the way, did not relish the hard going

Two races later, in the restricted open, the issue was finally settled when Greenall, soon tailed off on Canford Lad pulled him up in the race won by Jonks Bubble. David Turner, the Ampton farmer, had, therefore, won the title for the fifth time with 20 wins to his credit, one more than achieved by John Llewellyn last year.

Jonks Bubble was the second winner of the day for owner Andrew Congdon and the second ofthree winning rides for Gordon Edwards, the others being Bubbling Spirit and Princess Petal.

The two other major titles were settled in the Ladies Open when Mandy Lingard rode National Clover to a convincing win for the ninth time in succesion. The South Pembrokeshire horse thus won the Grand Marnier title for owner Derrick Llewllin and, with her 13th winner of the season, Miss Lingard drew level with last year's champion and long time leader, Jenny Pidgeon, to share the Ladies' title.

The season was six weeks old before Miss Lingard rode her first winner and by mid-April had only three successes to her credit, trailing five behind Miss Pidgeon. Since then, on only two horses, Festive Season being the other, she has narrowed the gap each week until catching her rival in the final race.

Three weeks ago Grant Cann lost any chance that he had in the men's championship when failing to score on four odds-on favourites, but in the adjacent hunts race on Saturday he had a comforting 20 lengths consolation win to bring his total to a creditable 16.

The season, which started in February with horizontal sleet, ended in brilliant sunshine. Generally the weather has been kind, only three meetings having to be cancelled compared with 24 last year. Unfortunately, all of these, the Cleveland, Babsworth and Middleton were in one area of North east England, one because of flooding and two with drought.

YARMOUTH

GOING: good to firm
Draw: no advantage
TOTE: double 3.15, 4.15; treble 2.45, 3.45, 4.45

15 FLEGGS SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £610: 6f) (4 runners)

1 000 FULL OF ALE R Howe 8-11 .... T Quinn 1
2 000 BENNY'S EYES (B) J L Harris 8-8 .... A Bond 4
3 0 DOLLY'S PET G Blum 8-8 .... G Duffield 3
4 000 IRELAND GIRL K Ivory 8-8 .... P Robinson 2

11-8 Dolly's Pet, 9-4 Full Of Ale, 7-2 Ireland Girl, 8 Benny's Eyes.

Yarmouth selections

By Mandarin
15 Dolly's Pet. 2.45 Pani. 3.15 Master Wit. 3.45 Hannah Lightfoot. 4.15 Babacoote. 4.45 Dark Mystique.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
15 Dolly's Pet. 3.15 Master Wit. 3.45 Hannah Lightfoot. 4.15 Babacoote. 4.45 Monticelli.

By Michael Seely
15 Noble Tramp. 3.45 Westway Lad.

45 FRITTON LAKE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £668: 5f 25yd) (16)

1 BELLANOORA F Durr 8-11 .... R Marshall 4
2 CORRALS LADY J Winter 8-11 .... B Taylor 3
3 ELOISEY M Tompkins 8-11 .... R Curant 9
4 HUBBARDAIR M Ryan 8-11 .... P Bloomfield 5 7
5 00 JAZZ TRAIN A Bailey 8-11 .... L Piggott 5
6 LODDON'S LASS G Blum 8-11 .... G Duffield 14
7 MADAM LOVING M Ryan 8-11 .... A Bond 1
8 MELODY PARK M Ryan 8-11 .... - 11
0 MISSILAH L Cumani 8-11 .... D Mchargue 13
1 322 OCKEYTA J Jenkins 8-11 .... A Murray 6
2 PANI M Stoute 8-11 .... W R Swinburn 15
3 PETITE CAREEN E Eldin 8-11 .... E Guest 5 16
4 0 PICK A TUNE Rex Carter 8-11 .... B Crossley 10
5 0 QUALITAIRESS M Ryan 8-11 .... M Giles 7
7 SIBA W O'Gorman 8-11 .... NON-RUNNER 2
8 3 STONEYDALE H Westbrook 8-11 .... M Miller 8

4 Stoneydale, 9-2 Madam Loving, 6 Pani, 6 Missilah, 10 Qualitairess, 12 Petite Careen, 16 Melody Park, Ockeyta, 20 others.

15 RADIO NORFOLK BIG C APPEAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,624: 1m 2f) (8)

2 10-00 NOBLE TRAMP W O'Gorman 9-7 .... T Ives 8
4 001- MASTER WIT H Cecil 8-9 .... L Piggott 4
6 0031- CRI DE COEUR F Durr 8-7 .... G Duffield 6
7 1-003 MIAMI STAR J Winter 8-1 .... M Hills 2
8 0-040 ROLL IN THE HAY G Wragg 8-1 .... B Crossley 5
9 003-0 FEI LOONG E Eldin 8-0 .... M L Thomas 7
0 0-000 INSET LADY M Ryan 7-10 .... P Robinson 1
1 00-00 GRANGE OF GLORY F Durr 7-9 .... T Quinn 3

5-4 Master Wit, 11-4 Noble Tramp, 9-2 Cri De Coeur, 8 Miami Star, Roll in The Hay, 12 Inset Lady, 25 others.

FORM: NOBLE TRAMP (8-12) nearest finish when 8th of 16 to Wylfa (8-...) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £4,689, good, June 2). MASTER WIT (9-0) ...ed right but still beat Laurie's Panther (9-0) a neck in 16 runner ...ester maiden (7f, £1,035, good, Sep 20). CRI DE COUER (8-11) beat Wasfi (9-0) a neck at Redcar (9f, £690, firm, Oct 20, 13 ran). MIAMI STAR (8-5) ran on to be 1½l 3rd of 9 to Double Celt (9-1) at Haydock (1m ..., £3,111, firm, May 26). ROLL IN THE HAY (9-0) no headway final 4f ... 17½l 5th of 17 to Commanche Run (9-0) in Doncaster maiden (1m ..., £1,450, good to soft, May 28). FEI LOONG, never near to challenge ... 14½l 5th (8-11) to Sams Wood (9-5) this season, finished 1983 ... 2½l 3rd of 20 (8-6) to Bobby Dazzler (8-7) at Leicester (7f, £1,764, good to firm, Oct 31). GRANGE OF GLORY (9-1) Never placed to challenge when about 7l 8th of 19 to First Pleasure (7-13) at Ripon (8f, ...85, good to firm, May 23).
Selection: FEI LOONG.

5 HALVERGATE HALL HANDICAP (£1,685: 1m 6f) (8)

11-00 SABATASH F Durr 4-9-10 .... A Weiss 5 1
102-0 NORFOLK FLIGHT M Tompkins 7-8-3 .... R Curant 7
/040- HANNAH LIGHTFOOT J Winter 5-8-0 .... G Duffield 5
0442 GOING BROKE (C,D) (BF) D Murray Smith 4-8-8 .... L Piggott 3
0442 AL NASR (C,D,B) C Benstead 6-8-4 .... W R Swinburn 2
0900/ ALCONBURY HILL (B) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-2 .... P Bloomfield 5 6
0000/ WESTWAY LAD M Hinchliffe 5-7-12 .... B Crossley 8
02-00 WORTH AVENUE M Chapman 8-7-7 .... M L Thomas 4

11-8 Going Broke, 4 Sabatash, 6 Norfolk Flight, 8 Al Nasr, 12 Hannah Lightfoot, 20 others.

5 MERCHANT'S HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,376: 1m 3f 100yd) (11)

0-202 AXIOS B Hobbs 9-0 .... G Duffield 11
00 GEOVALE L Cumani 9-0 .... D McHargue 5
HI HIGH L Cumani 9-0 .... R Guest 4
00-00 POLYNOR M Ryan 9-0 .... A Bond 10
2-2 TIRWADDA (BF) Thomson Jones 9-0 .... A Murray 6
0 ZAYBAK (B) J Hindley 9-0 .... B Taylor 9
ASTON BANK J Toller 8-11 .... S Rees 7 2
03 BABACOOTE H Cecil 8-11 .... L Piggott 7
MONDAY'S GIRL G Wragg 8-11 .... T Ives 8
0-2 RELATIVELY SMART M Stoute 8-11 .... W R Swinburn 1
REMAINDER WYN F Durr 8-11 .... A Weiss 5 3

7-4 Babacoote, 11-4 Tirwadda, 7 Geovale, 6 Relatively Smart, 12 ...s, Zaybak, 20 others.

5 HEYDON HALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,029: 7f) (10)

0-000 SIDAB W Musson 4-10-0 .... Geraldine Thorpe 5
20-00 WORLINGWORTH (C,D) M Ryan 5-9-12 .... M Fozzard 10
0300-1 HILLSDOWN LAD (D) J L Harris 6-9-1 (5 ex) .... G Carter 2
0403 GENTLE STAR (C) K Ivory 5-8-8 .... M Parker 5 6
000- BERTORELLA G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-4 .... A Hutchings 5 9
2-000 AESCULAPIUS P Haslam 3-8-4 .... M Duffy 5 8
000-1 MONTICELLI (D) C Brittain 4-8-4 (5 ex) .... M Lynch 4
0-200 LOVING DOLL D Dale 4-8-3 .... W Goldsborough 3
00-12 DARK MYSTIQUE P Haslam 5-7-13 .... J Scally 7
00-04 JECKEL E Eldin 6-7-7 .... G King 5 1

... Monticelli, 7-2 Dark Mystique, 9-2 Jeckel, 6 Gentle Star, 8 ...ngworth, 10 Sidab, 12 Hillsdown Lad, 16 Loving Doll, 20 others.

BEVERLEY

GOING: good to firm
Draw: 5f high numbers best

6.45 HURN APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£942: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

2 0010 BLUE BREEZE (B) S Norton 4-9-12 (5 ex) .... C Ollivier 17
3 0012 MR MUSIC MAN (C,D) Mrs C Reavey 10-9-7 (5 ex) .... B Kaid 7 7
5 00/00 PETE THE MEAT P Felgate 4-8-6 .... Gay Kelleway 2
7 0000- GIBBON (D) N Bycroft 8-9-0 .... M Richardson 7 13
10 0000 WAHED (D) F Watson 9-8-13 .... W Fearon 7 4
11 0000 LEITH SPRING R Stubbs 5-8-13 .... S Bridle 7 11
12 0000 LADY EVER SO SURE (B) J Etherington 5-8-11 .... W Ryan 10
13 0000 SONG MINSTREL (B) G Harman 5-8-10 .... J Carr 7 8
14 4-000 ROSE GLOW (B) J Spearing 4-8-9 .... W Hayes 5
15 00-14 PRINCE OF LIGHT Denys Smith 12-8-8 .... D Leadbitter 16
19 00-02 CHARLIE KILGOUR R Simpson 5-8-5 .... S Whitworth 9
20 0 KINDRED R Thompson 8-8-5 .... M McAndrew 7 6
23 40-00 SECRET MINSTREL J Parkes 7-8-4 .... Lynn Whiffen 7 3
24 3-000 BELLE VUE R Hollinshead 11-8-4 .... P Hill 7 12
26 000-0 WILLERBY J Parkes 7-8-4 .... Ashoults 7 15
27 0-000 MONSANTO LAD H Fleming 4-8-4 .... A Geran 7 14
28 00-00 ARRAS GIRL (B) A Smith 5-8-4 .... D Montgomery 7 1

7-2 Mr Music Man, 5 Prince Of Light, 6 Blue Breeze, 8 Charlie Kilgour, Lady Ever-So-Sure, 10 Rose Glow, 10 Leith Spring, Wahed, 12 Song Minstrel, 14 Pete The Meat, 16 others.

Beverley selections

By Mandarin
6.45 Mr Music Man. 7.10 Celestial Dancer. 7.35 Rocket Royale. 8.5 San Carlos Bay. 8.35 First Pleasure. 9.5 Tromeros.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.45 Mr Music Man. 7.10 Bold Bob. 7.35 Stubble. 8.5 Jameel. 8.35 First Pleasure. 9.5 Tromeros.

7.10 NSPCC CENTENARY STAKES (£2,511: 5f) (3)

1 003-0 CELESTIAL DANCER E Hide 5-8-10 .... E Hide 1
6 2002 BOLD BOB (D) C Brittain 4-8-0 .... P Robinson 2
11 4-032 VANISHING TRICK J Etherington 3-8-2 .... W Ryan 3 3

10-11 Celestial Dancer, 7-4 Bold Bob, 7-2 Vanishing Trick.

7.35 HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY (2-y-o fillies: £3,863: 5f) (6)

4 13 WORKADAY (C,D) C Gray 8-13 .... O Gray 1
5 321 KAKISA (D) M Camacho 8-8 .... N Connorton 5
8 41 ROCKET ROYALE (D) E Eldin 8-8 .... A Mackay 2
9 12 STUBBLE (D) R Boss 8-8 .... B Raymond 6
10 3 GLORY OF HERA C Brittain 8-4 .... P Robinson 3
11 0 SHUROOQ (BF) Thomson Jones 8-4 .... A Murray 4

9-4 Stubble, 3 Glory Of Hera, 7-2 Shurooq, 5 Kakisa, Rocket Royale, 10 Workaday.

FORM: WORKADAY. 4 ½l 3rd (9-0) to Great Reef (9-3) last time, previously (8-8) neck winner from Brave Bambino (9-4) over course and distance (£2,589, firm, May 19, 6 ran). KAKISA (8-8) beat Restoration (8-6) a neck at Ripon (5f, £1,295, good, June 6, 9 ran). ROCKET ROYALE (8-11) short head Thirsk winner from Rest (8-11) (5f, £1,958, good to firm, June 1, 13 ran). STUBBLE (9-0) 3l 2nd of 9 to Adelphai (8-8) at Pontefract (5f, £890, good to firm, May 25). GLORY OF HERA (8-11) 2 ¾l 3rd of 13 to Gwiffina (8-11) at Leicester (5f, £1,108, good to soft, May 28). SHUROOQ (8-8) weakened over furlong out when 8 ½l 6th of 8 to Cameroun (9-0) at Newbury (5f, £2,615, good, May 19).
Selection: ROCKET ROYALE.

8.5 WELTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,266: 2m) (11)

4 00-04 DANCING GUY M Jarvis 9-0 .... B Raymond 5
6 4341 HARLYN BAY S Norton 9-0 .... NON RUNNER 1
7 002 JAMEEL M Stoute 9-0 .... A Kimberley 6
8 0 JET RUN F Durr 9-0 .... M Birch 4
9 0000 LINDRICK WHITSUN G Harman 9-0 .... S Keightley 10
10 003 PUKKA MAJOR (B) J Hindley 9-0 .... M Hills 2
11 0440 SAN CARLOS BAY C Brittain 9-0 .... P Robinson 9
12 0-000 SANDICLIFFE BOY B Hills 9-0 .... E Hide 3
13 0000 T W S HOMES B Richmond 9-0 .... A Mackay 7
14 0-000 XMAS TREE F Watson 9-0 .... N Fry 8
15 0000 CHRONICLE LADY J Jefferson 8-11 .... M Wood 11

5-2 San Carlos Bay, 3 Jameel, 7-2 Pukka Major, 9-2 Sandicliffe Boy, Dancing Guy, 16 others.

8.35 WESTWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,518: 1m) (15)

2 0-200 THERAPEUTIC M Jarvis 9-7 .... B Raymond 14
4 0013 LINPAC LEAF (D) W Elsey 9-6 .... E Hide 10
8 0-000 SHARP AND READY (B) A Ingham 9-1 .... C Dwyer 5
12 00-00 BUCKMINSTER BOY W Wharton 8-10 .... W Wharton 9
13 40-0 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN C Thornton 8-10 .... J Bleasdale 7
15 00-0 GUNNER ROYAL J Etherington 8-7 .... M Wood 1
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24 0-000 HIGHEST TENDER K Stone 8-2 .... J Lowe 13
25 0000 COLDSTOR L Lightbrown 8-2 .... P Robinson 4
27 00-00 CULMINATE D Plant 7-9 .... K Darley 2
28 0-000 STONEY BOAT INN R Hollinshead 7-9 .... N Carlisle 8

7-2 Humberside Lady, 4 First Pleasure, 6 Therapeutic, Linpac Leaf, 8 Big Smile, 10 Mount Tumbledown, 12 Buckminster Boy, Rookbarugh, 16 others.

9.5 BEVERLEY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,326: 1m 4f) (7)

3 0-000 INFINITY RULES S Mellor 9-7 .... M Wigham 3
4 0003 TROMEROS C Brittain 9-7 .... P Robinson 6
5 0000 MEGIDDO R Boss 8-12 .... B Raymond 7
7 1300 MOODY GIRL R Hollinshead 8-11 .... S Perks 1
10 04-04 STARJAY M H Easterby 8-5 .... K Hodgson 5
11 0000 GET WISE K Stone 8-0 .... J Lowe 2
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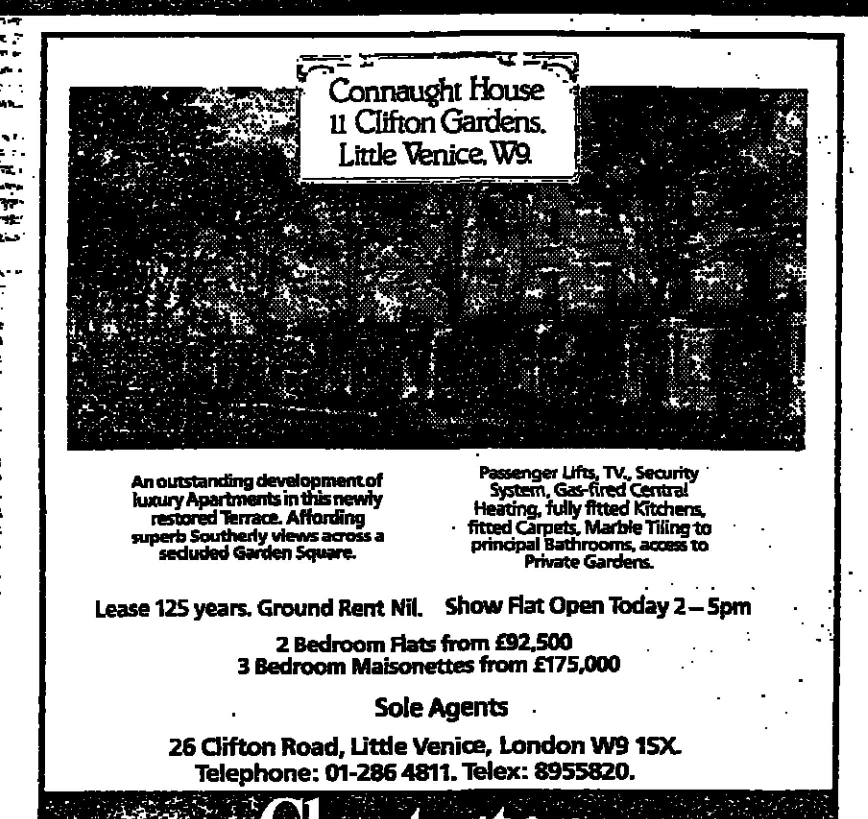
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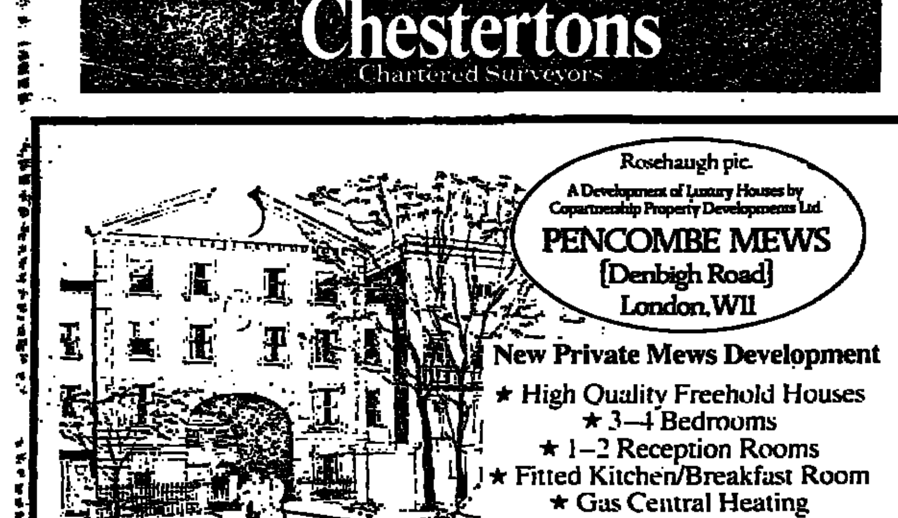
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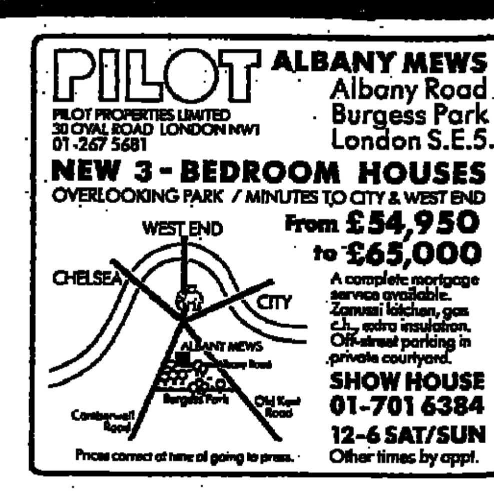
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Playing by the ground rules in the crowded South-East

By Christopher Warman
Property correspondent

In the South-East, most new housing developments are necessarily small because of the shortage of land available, and builders must fit new houses into small parcels of land. An exception is a huge development under way at Southwood, near Farnborough, Hampshire, which is designed to form a self-contained communityu with housing, shopping, industry and leisure amenities within its 300 or so acres.

The site is the former Southwood Camp, known to many Army intakes over the years, which was bought, without planning permission, from the Ministry of Defence in March 1983 by Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. for whom Chestertons are managing agents. It has cost an estimated £10m to buy the land and provide the infrastructure, and the overall cost of the project is likely to be around £70m.

The site has the advantage of accessibility along the "western corridor", being close to the M3 and about 30 minutes' drive from Heathrow airport. Even nearer is the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, where buiness aircraft are to be encouraged, and Blackbushe airport, while the completion of the M25 London orbital motorway will bring it 12 miles from Southwood.

At the heart of the development is a village centre to provide shops, doctor's surgery, a church and a pub, with industry on one side and residential areas on the other. The Summit Centre of 55 acres is planned as a high-technology commercial development, creating manufacturing units, offices and warehouses of all sizes, to generate hundreds of new jobs within the community. There is to be particular emphasis on small

Ambitious project

businesses, for individuals who want to start up and for whom there are few premies suitable at present.

A total of 75 acres are to be developed to provide 850 new homes ranging from starter homes and retirement homes to four-bedroom houses. Different building firms are being invited to develop different areas to give a wide variety of homes, and Bryant Homes are the first to build there, providing about 100 houses. Croudace and Unit Construction have also bought sites for future housing areas.

Bryant's first development offers 64 homes, ranging from a two-bedroom terrace house for £36,950 to a three-bedroom semi detached house from £42,950 and three-bedroom detached houses complete with garage, from £51,950. The illustrations here, incidentally, is of a show house, landscaped in front, which is why a car could not get into or out of the garage.


One of the first homes, built by Bryant Homes, in the £70m development at Southwood, near Farnborough, Hampshire, which is due for completion in six years' time.

The house designs are part of Bryant's range, but they have used this development to introduce some new exterior features, including casement windows and hipped roofs. Throughout the Southwood "village" there will be 11 to 13 homes to the acre, although near the village centre, starter and retirement homes including one-bedroom units, will be at a density of 18 an acre.

About 200 acres have been set aside for a golf course, playing fields and as woodland areas for walking and horse-riding. The woodland area harbours some rare plants, including the marsh orchid, royal fern and helleborine orchid.

It is an ambitious project, worked out with the county and district authorities involved, and six years should see its transformation from disused army camp, with agricultural tenancies and residential tenants in possession, to a complete modern village.

Further west along the corridor at Swindon, the firm of Edwin H. Bradley is developing two "instant" villages of its own, one at Westlea Down, Swindon, a second at Wootton Bassett nearby.

Bradleys claim that Westlea Down is the largest private-sector-promoted town-development scheme in the country, planned to provide 3,500 houses for a population of 13,000, roughly the size of Devizes. Like Southwood, it aims at a comprehensive development, with a shopping centre, industrial estate, and schools to service and be serviced by the population.

In all eight builders are now involved after Bradley Estates, Barratt and Costain began the development, and there is also local authority housing at Westlea, taking about 30 per cent of the total. Throughout the project, Thamesdown Borough Council have been closely involved, while Bradley Planning Services – a Bradley subsidiary – has brought a comprehensive supervision to the project.

Westlea Down, half-completed, has a range of properties from £19,950 to £57,950, and nearly two-thirds of the demand is locally generated. The second generation of those who moved to expanding Swindon a few years ago are now looking for homes.

Wootton Bassett is different, emerging on a site on a hillside near to the old village. It has a planned 550 homes, of which a third are built, and the prices range from £49,650 to £79,950. In the next few months a number of one-bedroomed units will be available at a much lower cost.

It is too early to measure the success of these various developments, particularly the Southwood community, which is in its infant stages, but today the House of Commons' environment select committee publishes its report on the Green Belt and land for housing.

Land is undeniably in short supply, and the battle between developers and conservationists will continue, but the solutions now being offered to the requirements of the population in these areas could perhaps form the basis of future comprehensive developments to balance the needs of both sides.

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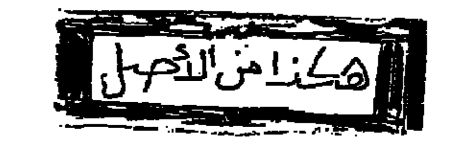
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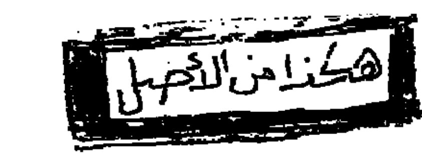
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The apartments range from one to two storeys with prices from £80,000 for a second-floor flat with 900 square feet to £165,000 to an apartment of 3,500 sq ft. Each has fully equipped kitchen and bathrooms, reception rooms and two or three bedrooms.

The singer David Essex, who is hoping that his new musical, *Mutiny on the Bounty*, will come to the London stage later this year, is selling his penthouse maisonette in Manchester Street, London W1. The ninth-floor apartment has a conservatory and terraces on three sides, three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a double reception room. From Chestertons' Connaught Street office: £235,000.



Gasworth Old Rectory, near Macclesfield, Cheshire, an early and magnificent example of half-timbered construction, is for sale through Jackson-Stops and Staff's Chester office, which is seeking offers around £215,000. It was built by a former rector of Gawsworth in 1470 and restored in 1724 by the then rector, the Reverend William Hall. The house faces south overlooking Gawsworth Pool and the 11th century Church of St James. Its great hall has massive roof beams, and accommodation includes four reception rooms, five bedrooms and two bathrooms, with a self-contained wing providing a granny cottage.

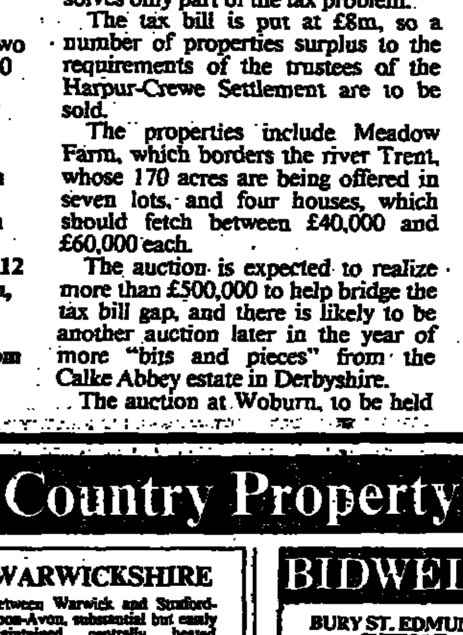
Bristol Georgian

A Georgian terrace in the centre of Bristol has been returned to its original residential use by the creation of 20 one and two bedroom apartments in a development by Chadwick Homes, with the aid of a grant from the Historic Buildings Council. The five houses in Pembroke Place were built in 1796 by the Bristol architect Thomas Paty, who was responsible for much of the St Paul's and Clifton areas. The apartments in these listed buildings cost from £19,950 to £29,950, through the Bristol agents Hartnell Taylor Cook.

The large number and wide variety of dwellings provided by conversion is shown by another development in which 10 flats have been constructed from a former corn mill built in 1905 at Wallingford, Oxfordshire. In addition there will be three new mews houses set in one corner of the courtyard. The first phase of the develpment at Hunt's Mill, Goldsmith's Lane, offers one and two bedroom flats at £31, 500 to £45,000 through the agents Adkin, of Wallingford.

The round-the-world yachtsman Chay Blyth is selling his Cornish manor house on the edge of Bodmin Moor at auction on June 29. The fifteenth-century house, with about 12 acres and part-bordered by a stream, has four reception rooms and five bedrooms, with a range of stone outbuildings, and the guide price from Fox and Sons' country house department at Exeter, is £175,000.

A piece of Calke



Woburn Abbey is one of England's best-known stately homes; Calke Abbey was one of the more-controversial, before the Government accepted it with its park in lieu of taxes earlier this year.

By coincidence, both sets of trustees are next month holding auctions of property on the estates, which prompts the question as to whether they are both in deep financial trouble. Though they deny they are in trouble, both estates need whatever money they can get. Timothy Jackson-Stops of Jackson-Stops and Staff, who are holding the Calke Abbey Estate auction at the Ticknell Village Hall, close to the Abbey on July 18, says they have been looking at parts of the estate in order to realize capital. "Though the Abbey is going to the nation" he say, "that solves only part of the tax problem."

The tax bill is put at £8m, so a number of properties surplus to the requirements of the trustees of the Harpur-Crewe Settlement are to be sold.

The properties include Meadow Farm, which borders the river Trent, whose 170 acres are being offered in seven lots, and four houses, which should fetch between £40,000 and £60,000 each.

The auction is expected to realize more than £500,000 to help bridge the tax bill gap, and there is likely to be another auction later in the year of more "bits and pieces" from the Calke Abbey estate in Derbyshire.

The auction at Woburn, to be held on July 11 at the Sculpture Gallery, Woburn Abbey, reflects not onlyy the need for money to help the estate but the way in which times have change. Previous Dukes of Bedford have taken a proper interest in the education of their employees and have built schools, now no longer required. Likewise agricultural mechanization has brought about a marked reduction in labour requirements on the estate and hence the reduction in the number of properties needed to house employees.

Among the properties coming for auction, unless previously sold, is Longslade, Aspley Heath, Woburn Sands, a period cottage with about one acre, surrounded by farmland, for which the guide price is £80,000. With a part-timber framework, the house, which needs modernization, has three reception rooms and four bedrooms, and an old stable/stores building.

The Old School, Steppingley, near Ampthill, built in 1877, which offers the chance of conversion to a residence, is expected to fetch £50,000, and the School House, also built in 1877 and half-timbered, is priced at £60,000. The Henry VII Lodge, Woburn Sands, constructed of brick, timber and stone, was built in 1810 to the design of Humphrey Repton, who landscaped the Abbey's deer park, and incorporating features copied from earlier properties. Bidwells of Cambridge, who are conducting the auction, think the lodge will bring £60.000 to £70,000.

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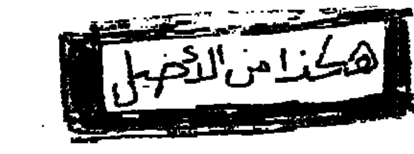
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BIRTHS

CALOW – On May 30, 1984, to Ros and David – son, Edward – a brother for Elizabeth.

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DALLMAN – On June 4th, in Lima, to Margarita and Tim – a son Thomas Timothy Jeremy.

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GREEN. – On June 7 at St Thomas's Hospital, to Debbie (née Chandler) and Andrew, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth.

MAPLES – On 10th of June to Anne (née Bromley) and Julian, (Henry), a brother to Jamie.

MASON – On June 11th, at Lancaster Royal Infirmary, to Veryan (Tiggy née Tabberer) and Nicholas – a son Frederick Ivan.

MAYOU. – On June 11th, 1984, to Charlotte (née Cary) and David at the West London Hospital, a son, George Roger Bertie.

MONTAGUE-DOGHAN on June 1st to Diana and Philip at Queen Charlotte's Hospital a son Edward James.

SANDBACH – On June 8th, 1984, to Virginia, wife of Simon Sandbach, a daughter, Elizabeth Pamela.

SMITH – On June 12 to Susan (née Tuck) and Michael – a daughter, Lucy Ann – a sister for Sarah.

SPENCER – On June 10th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Charlotte (nee Barshall) and Richard – a daughter Jemima Charlotte.

WALLACE-HADRILL – On June 9th, at Leicester General Hospital, to Jo (née Braddock) and Andrew, a son (Michael Sutherland).

MARRIAGES

WASHBOURN-BROOKS. – On 9th June, 1984, at St Julian's Church, Norwich, Roger Washbourn to Nest, widow of Edward Brooks, of Ludham, Norfolk.

DEATHS

ADAMSON, Elise, (née Ralston), widow of Jack, A.P. Corporation, New York, peacefully on June 8th, 1984. Only daughter of General Ralston, of Hill and Dale, Port Hope, Ontario, aunt of Ian Ralson, BSc, and dear cousin of Estelle, Goring on Thames, and the late W. P. A. Tulloch, provost of St Andrew's, Fife.

BAXTER – Clare Elizabeth (née Cameron) formerly of Winton, Queensland, Assam and London, aged 96 yrs. Beloved aunt of Margaret Mackey, Frances Ashton and John Archer. Service and Cremation took place in Brisbane on 12th June.

BERNEY. – On June 10th at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital after a long illness, borne with exceptional courage, Jill, much loved mother of Ralph, Philippa, Sylvia and Rosalind, and grandmother of Oliver, Rose, Humphrey and Adam. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The funeral will be private. A memorial service will be held at All Saints Church, Mattishall, on Friday the 22nd of June at 6pm. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to The Big "C" Appeal, The Glass House, Wensum Street, Norwich.

BLACKWOOD – On June 11th 1984, in Brighton, Francis Arthur Goffin (Binks). Funeral private.

CHAPMAN – On June 12, 1984, at the Whitehanger Nursing Home, Haslemere, Hilda Mary, much loved wife of the late Lt.-Col. W.G. Chapman, MC, and mother of Valerie and Priscilla. Funeral Guildford Crematorium on Friday June 15 at 11.30am.

CLARKE. – On 8th June, 1984, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, George Percival, of Further Orchard, Kimpton, dearly loved husband of Kathleen, adored father of Jan and Rosa, grandfather of Richard, Virginia, Edward, William, Rupert, Guy, Toby and Hugo. Funeral for family only. Service of thanksgiving on 20th July, 11.30am, in Kimpton.

CLINKARD – On June 10th, at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, in his 82nd year, Ernest Richard, beloved father of Richard, Christopher and Victoria, and much loved grandfather. Private family Cremation at The Downs, Brighton, on June 14th.

GOVER – On June 10th 1984, peacefully in his sleep, John Eric Bruce Gover M.A. (CANTAB), of Bexhill, vice president of the English Place Name Society. Son of the late John Mahan Gover and brother of the late Mabel Gover. Funeral at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday June 19th, at 3pm. Enquires to Mummery FD, 31 Devonshire Rd, Bexhill, E. Sussex TN40 1AH. Tel 0424 210418.

HALL HALL. – On June 8th, at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, after a road accident, Christopher Charles, aged 26, dearly loved son of Francis and Mary, and much loved brother of Michael, Clare, John, Jenny and Alexandra. Funeral service at Funtington Parish Church, on Friday, June 15th at 2.45pm. Followed by committal at Chichester Crematorium at 3.30pm. All flowers and enquiries please to F A Holland & Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester. Tel: 782966.

HOUSE (Dr Roger Allen). – On 9th June at home, Much loved husband of Margaret, father of William, James and Allen, and grandfather of Thomas and Jennifer. Cremation at Nuneaton and Bedworth Crematorium on Thursday, June 14th, at 1.30pm. No flowers. Donations, please, to Wildlife Field Unit, RSPCA, West Hatch, near Taunton, Somerset.

JACKSON-FERLDEN. – On June 11th, peacefully, after a long illness in Bournemouth, Naomi, much loved wife of the late Jack and loving mother of Derek, Patrick and Maureen. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Monday, June 18th, at 3pm. Flowers to Woking Funeral Service, 119 Goldsworth Road, Woking.

JONES, PHYLLIS MAY – Beloved wife of the late Reginald Lucas Jones of Hanchurch, Staffordshire, who departed this life on June 7, 1984, aged 76 years. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church R.I.P. Requiem mass on Friday at 12 noon at Our Lady and St Werburgh Church, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs. Family flowers only, please. Enquiries to Forrester Brothers, Funeral Services, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. 0782 313874.

LEIGH, MARGARET MAY. – Of Barcombe, Sussex, peacefully in hospital on June 11th, aged 97 years. Funeral at St Bartholemews, Spithurst, Barcombe, on Friday June 15th at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations may be sent to the British Talking Book Service for the Blind. RIP.

LEWIS, GEORGE ALEXANDER. – On June 11th, peacefully at his home, The Dragon Tree, Oakley, near Diss, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation at Norwich. No flowers please.

LYONS – On June 9th, peacefully after a long illness, Vicky (Ethel Victoria) at Westbury House Nursing Home. Service Chichester Crematorium, Friday June 15th at 3pm.

MACNAGHTEN. – On June 11th, 1984, peacefully at home Daphne, adored mother and wife. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Radiotherapy Research & Benefit Fund, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham. No letters please.

OTLEY (Richard). – Suddenly at home in Bath on June 11th, aged 75 years. Much loved by his sons Tom and Bill, grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral service Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath, on Wednesday, June 20th, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

O'CONNOR. – Suddenly at Chesterfield Royal Hospital on 2nd June 1984, Joan Elvira (nee Mears), aged 64 years, formerly of Walsall, Staffordshire, wife of John Alfred, and mother of Patrick Sean and Bridget Anne Salern.

ROBERTSON. – On 9th June at his home in Constantia, Hector Menteith, Emeritus professor of economics, University of Capetown. Sadly missed by his family. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to endow an academic prize in his memory to Sheila Lloyd, the principal's liason officer, Bremner Buildings, University of Capetown, Rondebosch, 7700 Capetown, South Africa.

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SACHER. – On June 11th, at home, Audrey after a long illness. Private funeral took place on June 12th. Donations to cancer relief if desired.

SHAPLAND – On June 12th, 1984, Florance Norah, wife of Jack and mother of John and Christopher, a great loss to her family who sadly left us after 50 years. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Monday, June 18th at 2.30pm. Enquiries to C. Waterhouse & Son. Tel (0455) 682219.

SHEPHERD. – On 9th June, peacefully in hospital, Rowley George Shepherd, OBE, Marine Surveyor, Principal Officer retd. Funeral service at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley N2, on Friday, 15th June, 1pm.

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BOGNO, – Doris Annie, peacefully on 10th June, widow of Hugh, mother of Ann and John, private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain or to Dulwich Hospital Kidney Patients Association, New Renal Ward Appeal, either direct or c/o 11 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne.

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TRAININ, – Frank Boris. At his home in Granada, Spain, on June 6th, 1984.

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WELCH. – On June 9th, 1984, suddenly at his home in Regency Square, Brighton, Douglas Reginald, the beloved brother of Bill and Pauline and much loved friend to Diana and David. He will be sadly and greatly missed by all who knew him. All enquiries to Hanningtons, Funeral Director, Brighton 778733.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme preview at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; the new Top Twenty from Mike Smith between 7.55 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33; ante-natal advice between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 Claire Rayner's Casebook. The problem page lady with first of two programmes about coping with bereavement. This morning's programme deals with the loss of a child (r). 9.25 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Jane Hardy (r). 10.55 Gharbar. A magazine programme for Asian women. The programme includes a discussion on working women. 11.20 Ceefax.

1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.30 Gran (r). 1.35 Stop-Go! (r).

1.45 The Castles Story. The third and final programme on the history of castles in Wales. 2.25 Film: Intrigue* (1947) starring George Raft. A former United States airman, peeved at his wrongful dismissal from the service, throws in his lot with a gang of black marketeers based in Shanghai. Directed by Edward L Martin. 3.45 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas. 4.20 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r) (Ceefax titles page 170). 4.40 Take Two. So You Want to be Top? and Codename Icarus are the two programmes under the junior microscope. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.15 Silas. Episode five of the 12-part drama about a young circus boy (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.40 Sixty Minutes begins with news read by Moira Stuart, then weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; ending with news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Cartoons: Bugs Bunny in The Case of the Missing Hare.

6.50 Terry and June. Domestic comedy series starring Terry Scott and June Whitfield (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

7.20 Film: One Born Every Minute (1967) starring George C. Scott and Michael Sarrazin. Comedy about a confidence trickster and his deserter-from-the-army accomplice who wreak havoc wherever they go, at the same time keeping one step ahead of the chasing law. Directed by Irvin Kershner.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.30 Only Fools and Horses. Christmas festivities at the Trotter penthouse in Peckham are somewhat muted by the arrival of Del's and Rodney's father (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

10.00 Dolly Parton in London. Highlights of the American singer's concert at London's Dominion Theatre. Her guests are Tom Rutledge and Jim Salestrom.

10.50 International Football. Live coverage from Montevideo of the game between Uruguay and England, the second match of England's mini-tour of South America. The commentator is Barry Davies. There are news headlines at half-time plus highlights from the European Championship.

1.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by John Stapleton and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; Sport at 6.35 and 7.33; Gerard Kenny's star romance at 6.40 and 8.13; exercises at 6.50 and 9.16; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; guest, Roger Vadim at 7.40; Elvis Costello video at 7.55; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.34; the Barbra Streisand story at 9.03.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames News headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Gwen Grant's Sixties. 9.47 Recycling waste products. 10.04 The Yeoman warder and the Ravens of the Tower of London. 10.21 Love poetry. 10.50 The reproductive system. 11.10 Well-dressing in Derbyshire. 11.22 Basic maths: surfaces. 11.40 Clues to the past in hospitals.

11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. Cartoon series. 12.00 Atarah's Music. A violin sound from a rubber band and a paperback book. 12.10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter with the tale of The Birds, Animals and Bat (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Plus: Ravelled. A re-run of the film about three women who had been allowed to set-up home together in Blackburn after spending many years in a large mental institution. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. Medical soap opera set in the Australian outback. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Atarah's Music. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Dangermouse. (r). 4.20 Andy Robson. The penultimate episode of the first-class serial about a young man sent to live in rural Northumberland after spending his early life in a mining village (r).

4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. The last programme of the series and the day of the cricket match dawns.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee, in the last in the series about housing estates, looks at the revolutionary approach to the refurbishment of Hackney's Lea View Estate.

6.35 Crossroads: Doris Luke receives a ticking-off from Paul Ross.

7.00 Where There's Life . . . Miriam Stoppard with the first of a new series about health (Oracle titles page 170).

7.30 Coronation Street. Curly Watts achieves fame when his account of the sighting of the UFO is published in the Recorder (Oracle titles page 170).

8.00 Tommy Cooper – A Tribute. Highlights from the consummate comedian's career (see Choice).

9.00 Sorrell and Son. Episode two and Stephen Sorrell's life changes dramatically when he lands the job of porter at The Pelican Hotel (Oracle titles page 170).

10.00 News.

10.30 International Boxing. Live coverage of the bout between Colin Jones of Wales and Billy Parks of the United States, at the Afan Lido, Aberavon.

11.30 Fiona and the Pill. An up-date to the Reporting London documentary about the capital's illegal fly-posting business.

12.00 Film: Victims (1979) starring Angela Morant as the bored housewife whose designs on the milkman lead to a nasty conclusion.

12.25 Night Thoughts.

Tim Roth: A Class of his Own (BBC2, 9.30pm).

CHOICE

● TOMMY COOPER (ITV, 8.00pm) follows close on the heels of another Thames Television tribute to a departed comedian, Eric Morecambe, and it shares with it a commendable absence of lugubriousness. Another common denominator, less praiseworthy, is the apparent inability of show business personalities, specially mustered for these occasions, to say anything even remotely illuminating about their late colleague. We do not need to be told that Tommy Cooper and Eric Morecambe were exceptionally funny men. We know it. Perhaps we do not even want to know *why* they were funny. Comedy genius can defy analysis, unless a high degree of perception is brought to the task. But, is there really nothing enlightening to be said of the *real* Morecambe, and the *real* Cooper except in trivial anecdotes? We learn precious little about the essential Cooper in tonight's contributions from Eric Sykes, Janet Brown, Ernie Wise, Jimmy Tarbuck and Mike Yarwood. All credit to Richard Briers: he talks about the comedian's innocence and vulnerability, and we instinctively feel that was also the true measure of the big man under the little fez. The best thing to be said about the eulogies to Tommy Cooper is that they do not take up much time. There are excerpts of generous length (mostly hilarious) and one-liners (mostly not) from many of his television shows. I regret that the climaxing routine, with a vast array of bottles, is the one that least exploited his unmatched talent for magic that went wrong.

● A CLASS OF HIS OWN (BBC 2, 9.30pm), wittily written by Doug Lucie, is set in a state grammar school of intimidating inflexibility. I don't think we are expected to take it too seriously, although the point it makes about the importance or otherwise of the competitive spirit inside and outside the classroom is a valid one, and I suspect that experienced heads will nod in recognition of that fact.

● Radio highlights: A first performance of a suite from Britten's great opera *Death in Venice*, arranged by Steuart Bedford, and, appropriately, part of this year's *Aldeburgh Festival* (Radio 3, 9.10pm). . . . And the first in a short season of plays by that master of radio drama, the late Giles Cooper: THE DISAGREEABLE OYSTER (Radio 4, 3.00), first heard eleven years ago, and still firmly embedded in my memory.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: 17th-Century England: Appleton House. 6.30 Roman Architecture. 6.55 Project. 7.20 The Natural History Museum: 7.45 The Dalradian of Banffshire. 8.10 Closedown.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.10 Daytime on Two: An undergraduate's life. 9.30 Ceefax. 10.00 You and me. 10.15 CSE maths at work. 10.40 Mindstretchers. 10.45 Ceefax. 11.00 Words and pictures: shadows and shapes. 11.17 The goods manufactured in Barbados for export. 11.39 Statistics: hypothesis testing.

12.05 Excerpts from French-speaking television networks. 12.30 Ceefax. 12.55 Polymer engineering. 1.20 Ceefax. 2.01 Birds eggs. 2.18 The Ice Age. With subtitles for the hearing impaired. 2.40 Highlights from past Olympic Games and a look forward to Los Angeles.

3.00 Ceefax.

5.10 Reading Development. An Open University production that examines whether or not the study of documentary film styles is an aid to schoolchildren's understanding of the written word (r).

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

5.40 Film: Jeremy (1973) starring Robby Benson and Glynnis O'Connor. The story of young love between a boy studying the 'cello and a girl training to be a ballerina. Their passion threatens their careers. Directed by Arthur Barron. (First showing on British television).

7.05 Film 84 Special. Barry Norman in conversation with film director Steven Spielberg (shown last Thursday).

7.40 International Dressage from Goodwood House. Dorian Williams and Tanya Larrigan are the commentators for the Inchcape Championship.

8.15 Robert White Remembers John McCormack. A tribute to the celebrated Irish tenor, born 100 years ago tomorrow.

9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King's final programme of the series is from Boston where, among others, he talks to Angela Rippon.

9.30 Play: A Class of His Own, by Doug Lucie. What course should reluctant sixth-former, Phil Tyler, take? He is offered a job as a trainee journalist but one of his masters believes he is Oxbridge material. Should Phil accept a job now or risk possible unemployment after he has left university? (see Choice).

10.20 Ebony includes a special report on the black communities of Birmingham.

10.50 Newsnight.

11.35 Open University: Topology: Complex Loci. 12.00 Guernica: The Making of a Myth. Ends at 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. Computer accountant John Sansbury from Surrey challenges yesterday's winner.

5.30 Bewitched* Comedy series about a man with a witch wife and a sorceress mother-in-law. This evening, the wife and her next-door neighbour become a little concerned when they discover their husbands taking more than usual interest in a new neighbour – beautiful model, Pleasure O'Riley.

6.00 Passage to Britain. Part nine and the second of three programmes devoted to *immigration to this country* from the Indian sub-continent concentrates on the Sikhs. The programme looks at the problems that Sikhs have had to face in this country and a number of them relate their first-hand experiences.

6.30 Wheels, Wings and Water presented by David Wilkie and Sarah Temple-Smith. Tonight's editon comes from inside a Second World War Lancaster bomber, en route for Mildenhall in Suffolk from Jersey. David Wilkie is on the 'plane *talking to the crew* about the aircraft and its history while Sarah Temple-Smith is at Mildenhall introducing a report on the money that is to be made as a professional BMX rider.

7.00 Channel Four News includes the latest news from the constituencies on the eve of the Euro poll and the Portsmouth South by-election.

8.00 Brookside. Life continues apace in the Close where, in the Jackson household, the debate *about* private or state education grinds on.

8.30 Diverse Reports. Weekly current affairs programme that examines the news from an unconventional angle. Tonight Peter Clarke investigates what the people we all love to hate have in common.

9.00 Six Centuries of Verse. The poetry of John Milton, and in particular his Paradise Lost, is the topic of tonight's seventh programme in the series of 16. Introduced by Sir John Gielgud with readings by Ian Richardson.

9.30 Film: When Joseph Returns (1975) starring Lili Monori. An Hungarian-made film, with subtitles, about the bored wife of a merchant seaman who has a fling while awaiting her husband's return. *Directed by* Zsolt Kezdi Kovacs.

11.10 Europe – A View from Paris. The future of the European Community discussed by Donald Trelford, editor of *The Observer*, Michael Fallon, MP for Darlington and three French politicians – Jean Francois Poncet, Jean-Pierre Chevenement and General Pierre Gallois.

12.05 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves and studio guests, including Mrs Mary Whitehouse.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Northamptonshire.
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Sisterhood' by Alison Weaver. Read by Patricia Gallimore.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury. Current and controversial issues are put on trial. Today's motion. The abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan Counties is a threat to local democracy. The motion is proposed by the leader of the GLC, Ken Livingstone, and opposed by Angela Rumbold MP. The chairman is Geoffrey Robertson (r).†
11.48 Just Like You and Me. Johnny Morris recalls 25 years spent dealing with animals. Today : A Nice Quiet Meal.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Deep Six. Serial in six parts by John Fletcher (4) With Freddie Lees. (r) 12.55 Weather: Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News. Woman's Hour. The guest of the week is Jessica Mitford. And Rosalind Shanks Patience Tomlinson and Crawford Logan read the first of ten episodes from Little Sister, the book by Margaret Gaan.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Disagreeable Oyster. First in a series of plays by Giles Cooper. William Eedle plays the man, working for a calculators company, who is sent out to do an urgent job on a machine that has gone wrong in a distant town. The play was first heard in 1973 (r).
3.47 In the Family. Three programmes in which a notable ancestor is recalled by a notable descendant. Today: Lord David Cecil on Lady Gwendoline Cecil.
4.00 News: File on 4. Britain's drugs problem. Another chance to hear the alarming report that was first broadcast yesterday (r).
4.40 Story Time: 'Laughing Gas' by P. G. Wodehouse (6). Read by David McAlister.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; *Programme News*.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Music. Music panel game. The question-master is Steve Race.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint with Roger Cook.
7.45 In Business joins a trade mission which is trying to persuade British companies to sell more of their products to the Italians.
8.15 Pride of the Parlour. Ten-part series in which Jeremy Siepmann casts an eye on the history of music-making in the home (5) A Most Practical Art.
8.45 Analysis: The Spending Trap. *The focus is on Government* spending. The programme is presented by Mary Goldring.
9.30 Brian Thompson's A-Z. First of five talks by the playwright Brian Thompson.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Tonight's edition includes comment on Michael Wilcox's play 78 Revolutions at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith; on the film Independence Day; and the Picasso ceramics exhibition at the Nicola Jacobs Gallery; also the Picasso engravings at the Waddington Gallery.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Far Away and Long Ago' by W H Hudson. Abridged in ten parts (3) Aspects of the Plain. Read by Ian Holm.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND. VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 10.45 Radio History. 11.05 Singing Together. 11.25 Movement and Drama 2. 11.45 Mother Tongue Song and Story. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools. 2.00 The Music Box 2.15 Introducing Geography 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study on 4: Asian Links (4). 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Putting Chemistry to Work 11.50 Catholic Schools in Scotland. 12.30-1.00am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Child Care 12.30 5: Asking 12.45 6: Roles and Routines.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Saint-Saens's Carnival of the Animals (Beroff and Collard, two pianos): Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen (Haendel/Newton); and Debussy's (orch Koechlin) ballet Khamma.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Franck' Variations symphoniques (Curzon/London Philharmonic); Godefroid's Etude de Concert in E flat major (Drake, harp); and Espla's Sinfonia aitana. Op 56.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Monteverdi. Act 3 of L'incoronazione di Poppea. Il Complesso Barocco, and soloists Watkinson, Balthrop, Bierbaum, Ledroit, Gaifa and Nelson.†
10.00 The Gypsy Influence: Brahms's Hungarian Dances Nos 10 and3; Ravel's Tzigane (Kyung-Wha Chung); Bartok's Hungarian Pictures: and Liszt's symphonic poem Hungaria.†
10.50 Telemann: New London Consort play the Cantata No 5; the Trio-Sonata in F major; and the Cantata No 26.†
11.20 Mozart and Prokofiev: BBC Scottish SO, with Peter Donohoe, play Mozart's Piano Concerto No 25; and Prokofiev's Lieut Kijé suite.†
12.15 Concert Hall: Domus play Brahms's Piano Quartet No 3 in C minor.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Modern Jazz Quartet: Works include Reallytruablues. and Softly as in a morning sunrise.†
1.30 Matinee Musicale. BBC Concert Orchestra, with John Harle (sax) and Jan Latham-Koenig (piano). Balfour Gardiner's (arr Woodhouse) Shepherd Fennel's Dance; Satie's (arr Harle) Gymnopédie No 1; Bartok's (arr Harle) Three folk songs from the County of Czik; Johann Strauss's Emperor Waltz; Fauré's Pavane; Villa-Lobos's Fantasia for sax, three horns and strings; and Vaughan Williams's overture The Wasps.†
2.25 Mozart and Bethoven. Mozart's Sonata in F K 377 and Beethoven's Sonata in A Op 30 No 1. played by Yossi Zivoni (violin) and Rosemarie Wright (piano) †
3.15 American Music: Ives's Three Places in New England; Ruggles's Portals; and Schuman's New England Triptych.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: live from Lichfield Cathedral.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Richard Graves's selections of music.†
6.30 John McCormack: John Steane presents the first of three special programmes commemorating the centenary of the Irish singer's birth.
7.15 The Cosmic Creation. Paul Davies, Professor of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University examines recent developments in our understanding of the Universe. It is the first of three documentaries in which Mr Davies talks to leading astrophysicists.
8.00 Aldeburgh Festival 1984: Concert. Part one. Delius's A Song before Sunrise; and Elgar's Dream Children: and Holst's Double Concerto for two violins, Op 49 Peter Savidge (baritone), Josef Frohlich (violin, English Chamber Orchestra, leader Jose Luis-Garcia (violin).†
8.50 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
9.10 Aldeburgh Festival 1984. part two. Ravel's (arr Grainger) La vallée des cloches; and Britten's Death in Venice (arr Steuart Bedford, who conducts the English Chamber Orchestra). This is a first performance of the arrangement.†
9.50 Beethoven Piano Sonatas: Maurice Cole plays the Sonata in A. Op 101 and in C minor Op 111.†
10.40 English Baroque Boyce's Symphony No 1; Arne's Harpsichord Concerto No 5 in G minor; and Pieter Hellendaal's Concerto in E flat Op 3 No 4 (English Concert, with Pinnock, harpsichord).†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

VHF ONLY: Open University. 6.35-6.55am Open Forum: and 11.20-11.40pm Foreground Battles and Rearguard Action.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00midnight. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (MF/MW). 4.00 Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† incl 8.31 Racing. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Steve Jones.† incl. 1.05; 2.02 Sport. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford.† incl. 3.02 Sport. 3.30 Music All TheWay.† incl. 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton.† incl. 5.05; 6.02 Sport 6.05 John Dunn.† incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Cricket Scores 8.00 Cast, In Order Of Appearance Thriller serial 5: Slapstick Scene 8.30 BBC Radio Orchestra.† 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years, with Alan Keith 10.30 Hubert Gregg says *Thanks for the Memory* 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) incl 12.05 Sports Desk. 1.00 Patrick Lunt presents Nightride.† incl. 1.02 Sport. 3.00 The Mike Sammes Singers † 3.30-4.00 Maryetta and Vernon Midgley †

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 until 9.30pm and then 12.00 Midnight (MF/MW)6.00am Bruno Brookes 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, incl 12.30 Newsbeat 2.00 Steve Wright 4.30 Peter Powell, incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen 10.00-12.00 John Peel † VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2 10.00pm With Radio 1 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Omnibus 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 That's Trad 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 *Financial* News 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Alternative Proms. 10.15 Patrick Moryn's Music Box 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 World Service Short Story 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Nature Notebook 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Zoos of Europe 1.45 Beecham's Delius 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 *Middlemarch* 3.00 *Radio Newsreel* 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network UK 9.15 World Service Short Story. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Kenneth Matthews Contemplates 11.30 Top *Twenty* 12.00 *World News* 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Waveguide 12.40 Book Choice 12.45 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Alternative Proms 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-*Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.*

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BBC1 Wales. 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales Headlines. 3.35-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 1.00am News and weather. Northern Ireland. 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 3.35-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.50-7.20 It Only Seems Like Yesterday. 1.00am News and weather. England.5.55 Regional news magazine. 1.05am Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.20 Years Ahead. 4.05 4 What it's Worth. 4.30 Countdown. 5.00 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.05 Smyrffs. 5.35 Kellogg's BMX Championships. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Deg Potel Werdd. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.00 Film: Kid From Nowhere (Beau Bridges). 10.45 Diverse Reports. 11.15 Lifers. 11.45 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look who's talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 11.30 QED. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Devlin Connection. 3.00-3.30 Take The High Road. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 11.30 Mannix. 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Protectors 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 11.30 Barney Miller 12.00 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer 5.10 Action Line 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Todsay. 6.30-7.00 Database. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Devlin Connection. 12.35 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.30am News Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Database. 10.34 Next One Please. 11.30 Boxing. 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Glenroe 2.30 Vintage Quiz. 3.00-3.30 At Ease 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Portrait of a Legend: Bee Gees. 12.00 Company Closedown.

BORDER As London except. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 11.30 Portrait of a Legend. 12.00 News. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking 1.20 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 10.35 Next One Please 11.30 Boxing. 12.30am Closedown

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags 2.30 The Devlin Connection 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.05 Crossroads 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs are 2.30-3.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 5.15-5.45 Madabout. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.30 That Girl 12.00 Architecture of the Spirit. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 11.30 Darkroom. 12.30am What Now? Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon A Time. .Man 5.15-5.45 Protectors 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster 11.25 9-5. 11.50 News Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo ★Black and white (r) Repeat

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The soldier's tale

One Falklands hero who can never forget

Tomorrow marks the second anniversary of the British forces in the Falklands. Here, two men whose lives were profoundly affected (and profoundly differently affected) by the conflict talk to *The Times*. In the first report, Guardsman Simon Weston tells how difficult it is to forget. In the second, Sir John Nott tells how he has been able to consign it all to the past.

By Tim Jones

The nightmares, the despair and deep depression are, he hopes, behind him now – but, as he admits, "I know that, whatever I do or wherever I go, the Falklands will always be with me." With his twenty-third birthday coming up, his ambition is to be "an ordinary Valleys boy" – one of the lads in the transitional period between carefree youth and adult responsibility.

The ambition is difficult for his name is Simon Weston and, for as long as he lives, his face and body will bear witness to the fact that Britain once went to war to defend a remote and windswept sovereign territory 8.000 miles away. His is the face which stunned the nation when the television cameras lingered on it as he stood in pain, ramrod straight, to receive his Falklands Campaign Medal at Buckingham Palace from the Prince of Wales.

Even his pain was public, for television cameras recorded many of the 24 operations he has undergone as Army surgeons have sought, square inch by excruciating square inch, to rebuild his face. By all known laws of medical science, Simon Weston, Welsh Guardsman, should have died within minutes of the Argentine jets bombing the Sir Galahad as it lay at anchor off Bluff Cove on Tuesday, June 8, two years ago.

'Chances have to be taken in war'

Horribly burnt over half his body, he hung on to life against all the odds because he was determined to see his family again. When he arrived at RAF Brize Norton looking more like an Egyptian Mummy than a human being, his grandmother pointed to his mother, Mrs Pauline Hatfield, and said: "Look at that poor boy." It was not until Mrs Hatfield heard the bandaged figure call out "Mam" that she realized it was her son.

Unlike many of the families whose sons were killed or injured in the Sir Galahad incident – which was, with 50 killed and 67 injured, the biggest single British tragedy of the war – Simon Weston does not believe there should be an official inquiry. "If mistakes were made, if we were kept too long aboard the ship, then conscience is sufficient punishment for those who took the decision. I know at the time I wasn't complaining, because I was warm and dry. Before me was the prospect of a long, exhausting march and a bloody battle. Chances have to be taken in war, and if they come off they are hailed as brilliant victories," he says.

"Nothing can be gained by thinking all the time about what may have happened – none of us are time lords – and I don't think the dead are being allowed to rest in peace by constant calls to find out what went wrong." In spite of his pain, and the memory of dead comrades, Simon Weston remains convinced that the Falklands War was right. "People who wanted to be British were being bullied by a dictator. We had to help them."

But he professes no animosity towards the pilot who came out of the sun and changed his life in a horrifying split second. "How many times do I have to say it. I hate nobody, and bear bitterness to no one. Feeling hatred won't change my life." Although he is still a Guardsman, he believes that he will soon part company with the Army, which has been his life and love ever since he joined as a boy entrant at the age of 16.



After the attack: Survivors coming ashore at Bluff Cove from the Sir Galahad, ablaze in the background

"I suppose they could offer me a desk job, but I wouldn't be happy, because I couldn't hold rank. I couldn't tell men to do something I couldn't do myself. In any case, holding down a pen and paper desk job, doesn't fit into the 'macho' image I have of being a soldier. Earlier this year, I went to West Germany with the Welsh Guards and, although I had a fantastic time, my limitations were brought home to me."

'you have to cope . . . I want a job'

In spite of the surgeons' skills, those limitations remain severe for both his hands, one minus a finger, are terribly crippled. The top of his head is bald, and his face will always draw startled gazes. "Mature people look behind the scars but others can't help asking and questioning. I don't blame them. Disability and blindness are accepted, but how many severely burned people do you know?"

He is about to sign another contract with a television company for a series which will attempt to examine how he is rebuilding his life. "The basic message will be look at me, Joe Soap. This could happen to you, and if it does, you have to cope because there is a big wide world out there, to live in and enjoy it if you want to. I have normal ambitions. I want a job and a quiet and secure life. My family has been tremendous. What can you say of people who perform miracles?"

His preoccupation is trying to find enough money to transform into a gymnasium the 20ft by 10ft extension built on to the neat and comfortable home which his mother and step-father have bought from the local council. "When my mates are working, it is a lonely day, and I have never been a great one for reading, and television becomes boring. The body muscles wither when you are lying in a hospital bed and I want to get fit again.

His step-father, Mr Harold Hatfield, said: "He has had his depressions, and who can blame him? But now, his attitude is fantastic, and he is a courageous and caring man. He bears no animosity towards anyone. He has been an inspiration to people all over the world who write and telephone us. On Friday, his mother and I will be meeting in London a little Japanese girl who gained her inspiration for her skin grafting operation from him. We have a man in the house." He added: "We have also had enormous help from the Rhymney Borough Council, who have bent over backwards to give us permission for the extension."

Simon Weston wants a normal life, but having had one engagement break up since he was injured, he does not believe he will become a family man. In part, that is because of his determination to remain a Valleys boy. Within his village he is accepted and liked. But most of all he is anonymous. In his close-knit community he can go into his local pub without being stared at or pestered. There are many operations still to come but Simon Weston believes the worst is over, for he is a soldier boy who has returned home, and there he intends to stay.

The politician's tale

Diffident survivor who would have borne the blame

By Michael Horsnell

Sir John Nott, the bespectacled Secretary of State for Defence during the South Atlantic campaign, leaned forward in his armchair at the offices of the City bank Lazard Brothers, of which he is an executive director, and asked: "When actually is the anniversary?"

We were speaking of the heady moment at 9pm on June 14 1982 when Major General Menendez surrendered the Argentine forces in the Falklands at the end of the most extraordinary military venture undertaken by British forces since the Second World War.

The openness of the question seemed fully in keeping with Sir John's misleading image as an absent-minded theology lecturer. But he explained: "I have never been a person who looks back on the past as I am a very bad old boy, who never goes to school or regimental reunions, or anywhere near the House of Commons for that matter".

A product of Bradfield College, Trinity College Cambridge, where he was president of the union in 1959, and the 2nd Gurkha Rifles, Sir John left the Commons last year, after 16 years, and now divides his time between Lazard and the 150-acre farm near Hayle in Cornwall where he lives with his attractive Yugoslav wife Milofka.

The man, whose concern two years ago was to despatch a naval task force 8,000 miles to the South Atlantic to engage an enemy off the final outpost of a forgotten empire, is now preoccupied with the rural pursuits of tending his sheep, growing commercial daffodils, and keeping his three-acre lake clear of reeds.

"I don't think about the Falklands at all," he said. "It's past history for me, though of course I had so much media exposure at that time that a large number of people, especially younger ones, still come up and want to talk about it.

"It was a fascinating period and I suppose I feel privileged to have experienced it. But I pray to God no other experience like that evers happens again to me. I assure you I found it emotionally a very disturbing period.

"When it was all over I had no sense of elation, just one of tremendous relief. I was so much more conscious of the risks we were taking than most people around me, though the Services of course knew them. It was a tremendous gamble to conduct an operation of this sort at 8,000 miles without air superiority. My greatest relief was when we got ashore without the Argentines discovering it. The Almighty was on our side. It could have been disastrous if the landing had been discovered earlier".

He added: "I never felt responsible for the loss of life. But every time a ship went down it was terribly upsetting. I really did believe we would lose far more ships and men than we did. What is so remarkable about the Falklands is how little went wrong. War is a very confusing and unpredictable event, and however well trained and equipped you are, you can never be in total control".

It was the Foreign Office which ranked as the villian of the piece over the way the South Atlantic crisis had caught the Government unawares, and in the following few days Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, resigned, together with Sir Humphrey Atkins and Mr Richard Luce.

Sir John, who would have resigned if it had not been for Mrs Thatcher's support, proved to be the primary survivor of the political crisis which preceded the despatch of the task force. This was despite the onslaught he received from his own party for the performance he gave when the Government nominated him to answer its critics in the House of Commons on April 3 – the first Saturday session of Parliament since Suez in 1956.

How did it feel to address the House knowing it was lusting for scapegoats? And did the Falklands crisis account for his decision not to fight the 1983 general election?

"The most difficult thing for me was that I felt personally more exposed than anybody else in the situation that arose", he said. "This is what politics is all about and there is no resentment. But because Carrington was in the Lords and I was in the Commons I was in the most exposed position of all. The Prime Minister, being Prime Minister, was able to stand back from it a bit, and when the operation began I suppose unconsciously I felt all the time that I was going to bear the blame for any mistakes".

So far as the former Defence Secretary is concerned the primary lesson of the retaking of the Falklands is the one which our enemies will have learned: "There is less likelihood now to be a war than there was before the Falklands happened because we were not prepared to tolerate aggression, and that is the major benefit for the West, and the only real potential enemy we have, the Soviet Block, will have learned that lesson", Sir John said.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits Royal Air Force Station, Cottesmore; 11.15.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, attends a 400th Anniversary Garden Party given by the Cambridge University Press in Cambridge; 12.

The Prince of Wales visits the Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford; 2.30

Princess Anne visits H.M.S. St. Vincent, Queen's Gate Terrace, London; 11.45; and later visits The Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled's Unit at Banstead Place, Surrey; 3.45. Princess Anne, as President of the British Olympic Association, attends a Concert at the Barbican Centre, London; 7.30.

Princess Margaret attends a gala performance of William Douglas-Home's play *David and Jonathan* at the Redgrave Theatre, Farnham, Surrey to mark the 10th anniversary of the Theatre; 7.50.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St. John, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester is present at a Summer Banquet at Hampton Court Palace; 8.

New exhibitions

Work by Tony O'Mally; Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 1 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends July 20).

The Last of the Bedouin; Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham, Burnley; Wed, Sat and Sun 2 to 6, Tues 2 to 6 during July and Aug; (ends Aug 29).

Welsh Chapels; National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; (ends Aug 28).

Pictures for School, paintings, drawings, prints, embroideries and sculpture; National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; (ends June 24).

Building to the Skies: Alfred C. Bossom's American Architecture; The Building Centre, 113/115 Portland Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, closed Sat and Sun; (ends June 29).

Photographs by Nick Sack, Mark Bursa and John Duncan; The Library Gallery, University of Aston, Gosta Green, Birmingham; Mon to Fri 10 to 7, Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun; (ends June 30).

Nuclear War Project by John Kimpton; Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Thurs 9 to 8, closed Sat and Sun; (ends July 6).

Music

Portsmouth Festival: Cello recital by Fay Clinton; Menuhin Room, Central Library, Portsmouth; 12.45; and a concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; St Mary's Church, Portsea; 7.30.

Organ recital by Francis Jackson; Peterborough Cathedral; 7.30.

Piano recital by Andrew Wilde; St John's, Chester; 1.

Concert by the Suzuki Children; Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff; 7.30.

General

Heritage '84 Annual Flower Festival; United Reformed Church, The Strand, Dawlish, Devon; 10.30 to 6.

Three Counties Agricultural Show; The Showground, Malvern.

Anniversaries

Births: Fanny Burney, novelist and diarist, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 1752; Thomas Arnold, educator, Cowes, Isle of Wight, 1795; Sir Charles Parsons, engineer, Kingston, Jamaica, 1854; William Butler Yeats, Dublin, 1865; Jules Bordet, bacteriologist, Nobel Laureate 1919, Soignies, Belgium, 1870; Carlos Chávez, composer, Mexico City, 1899.

Deaths: Alexander the Great, Babylon (Iraq), 323; Sir Henry Segrave, killed when his speedboat England II crashed on Lake Windermere, 1930; Martin Buber, philosopher, Jerusalem 1965.

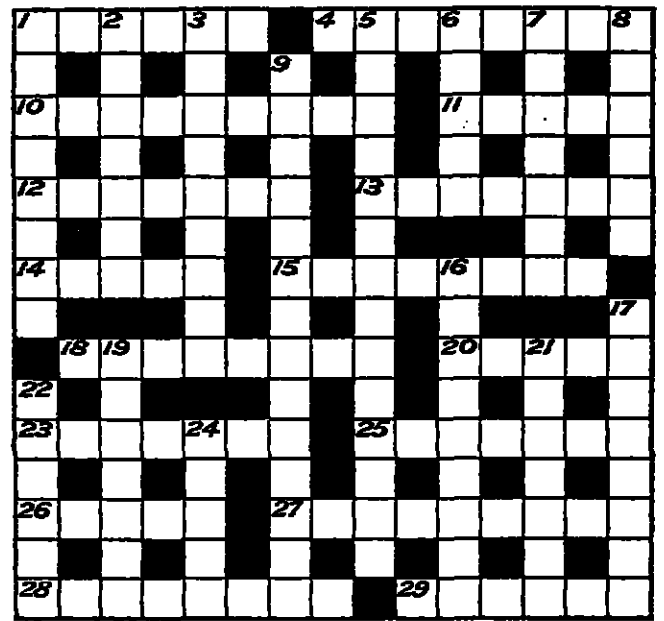
Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debates on: Smoking and health; reorganization at the Ministry of Defence; working of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,455

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 8 per cent of the competitors at this year's Leeds regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 Wood board for soldier (6).
4 How Doyle spotted the band (8).
10 Subtle player who went for the gold (9).
11 Moth collector? (5).
12 Broke, though said to have picked a winner (7).
13 Air put in a retread somehow runs out (7).
14 It's the end when a jewel ring is sent back (5).
15 Lumber room, where the ash perhaps dropped? (8).
18 A runner with these gifts would be wasted (4-4).
20 Look! A pink giraffe in the middle (5).
23 Sleeps, presumably in cradle (7).
25 Ready money is indispensable (7).
26 Like Cobbett's journeys (5).
27 One who is too often self-conscious (9).
28 Repartee that can become hurtful in time (8).
29 Hard to explain, like a Board with branch sites (6).

DOWN

1 Recorder's order not to handle the case (5-3).
2 Make the milk and turn in late (7).
3 Kind of punishment when the Army expel bad characters (9).
5 The philosophy of an oddly gay misanthrope (14).
6 Net caught King of Britain (5).
7 Ambassador has a note for the Official Receiver (7).
8 Garment seen around Alpine centres (6).
9 Maybe French sauce for making things look good (6-8).
16 Said Southerner represents the party line (9).
17 Unsound in pointless game of bumps (8).
19 Spoke caused to go round (7).
21 A cliff tragedy leading to distress (7).
22 Gem shaped as crab (6).
24 Free-style shot (3,2).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,454

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Alexis Tsar of All The Russias, by Philip Longworth (Secker & Warburg, £15)
Bartok, Master Musicians Series, by Paul Griffiths (Dent, £10.95)
Douglas Jardine, Spartan Cricketer, by Christopher Douglas (Allen & Unwin, £9.95)
Echoes From Arnhem, by Lewis Golden (William Kimber, £10.50)
Fighting for Hope, by Petra Kelly, introduction by Heinrich Boll (Chatto & Windus, £6.95)
Pharaoh's People, Scenes from Life in Imperial Egypt, by T. G. H. James (The Bodley Head, £15)
The Elgar-Atkins Friendship, by E. Wulstan Atkins (David & Charles, £15)
The Menuhin Saga, by Moshe Menuhin (Sidgwick & Jackson, £15)
The Way People Work, Job Satisfaction and the Challenge of Change, by Christine Howarth (Oxford, £12.50)
Words Unchained, Language & Revolution in Grenada, by Chris Searle (Zed, £16.95).

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Pension Leaflet

A new leaflet called *Retiring? Your Pension and Other Benefits*, is now available from the DHSS Leaflet Unit, PO Box 21, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 1AY. It explains in "plain English" how retirement pension is made up, how to claim it and how it is paid. It also covers special rules for married women, the widowed and the divorced, and the rules covering supplimentary pension.

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Aberdeen	–	–
Basildon	high	6 pm to 9 pm*
Bath	low	–
Belfast	low	–
Bradford	high	9 pm to 12 mid*
Brighton	high	3 to 6 pm*
Carlisle	–	–
Darlington	low	noon to 3 pm
Dudley	high	3 to 6 pm*
Edinburgh	low	noon to 3 pm
Exeter	high	3 to 6 pm
Glasgow	low	noon to 3 pm
Hull	high	9 pm to 12 mid*
Leeds	high	6 pm to 9 pm*
Lincoln	high	9 pm to 12 mid*
London	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Maidstone	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Norwich	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Preston	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Reading	–	–
Rotherham	high	9 pm to 12 mid
Runcorn	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Salford	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Southampton	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Swansea	low	–
Tewkesbury	high	3 pm to 6 pm*
Warwick	high	3 pm to 6 pm*

* except during rain

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.62	1.54
Austria Sch	27.70	26.10
Belgium Fr	80.50	76.50
Canada $	1.86	1.79
Denmark Kr	14.34	13.64
Finland Mkk	8.35	7.90
France Fr	12.01	11.41
Germany DM	3.90	3.71
Greece Dr	159.00	149.00
Hongkong $	11.25	10.65
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2400.00	2300.00
Japan Yen	335.00	319.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.18
Norway Kr	11.14	10.59
Portugal Esc	199.00	189.00
South Africa Rd	2.15	2.01
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.63	11.03
Switzerland Fr	3.26	3.09
USA $	1.43	1.38
Yugoslavia Dnr	185.00	175.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 349.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 4 at 834.1.

Roads

London and South-east: M3: Northbound carriageway accommodates two way traffic between junctions 4 (Frimley) and junction 3 (Lightwater); entry slip road on to the southbound carriageway at junction 3 will be closed. M4: For three miles east of Reading, junction 10, London bound carriageway closed for repairs until July for reconstruction work, all traffic sharing the westbound carriageway. A40: Nearside lane restrictions for both carriageways on Western Ave between Grand Union Canal and Oldfield Lane.

Wales and West: A338: Northbound carriageway resurfacing on Spur Rd (Bournemouth), delays. A55: Contraflow system operates on Llanddulas bypass. A470: Bridge repairs to North End flyover, northbound carriageway single lane traffic, S Glamorgan.

Midlands: A12: Contraflow system operates S of Ipswich at Bentley. A41: Roadworks one mile E and W of Newport. A46: Roadworks at Farndown crossroads S of Newark.

The North: A691/A692: Roadworks in connection with Leadgate bypass, co Durham. A6: Gas Board work along London Rd, Hazel Grove, Stockport, single lane traffic on southbound carriageway. A6: Excavations reducing road width along Weeington Rd, Stockport.

Scotland: A74: Repairs to Crawford bypass, northbound carriageway closed, two way traffic on the southbound. City of Glasgow: Delays on Duke St at Barrack St. A82: Single lane traffic one and a half miles of Ardlui.

The papers

The Daily Mirror commenting on the European elections says: "Voting tomorrow ought to be about Europe and the part an enthusiastic Britain should play in it. But it won't be. Instead it will mainly be about Britain and the way Mrs Thatcher runs our country." It adds: "Inevitably, tomorrow's vote will be a vote of confidence in Mrs Thatcher, or not as the case may be."

The Daily Express, commenting on the Government Bill to abolish the Greater London Council elections next year, says: "The argument for doing away with the useless, costly GLC and other metropolitan dinosaurs is overwhelming. But the case for abandoning a scheduled election is much less clear-cut. By voicing a concern which reflects public disquiet, the House of Lords vindicates its reputation for independent-mindedness."

Weather forecast

Pressure will remain high over S England while troughs of low pressure cross N districts from the W.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, Channel Islands: rather cloudy, sunny intervals, wind W light or moderate, max temp 22C (72F).

E Anglia, E, W Midlands: rather cloudy, bright intervals, chance of a little rain, wind W light or moderate, max temp 21C (70F).

SW England, S Wales: rather cloudy, some intervals, drizzle near W coasts, wind W moderate or fresh, max temp 20C (68F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: cloudy, rain in places, wind W fresh, max temp 19C (66F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll: sunny periods, isolated showers, wind moderate or fresh, max temp 17C (63F).

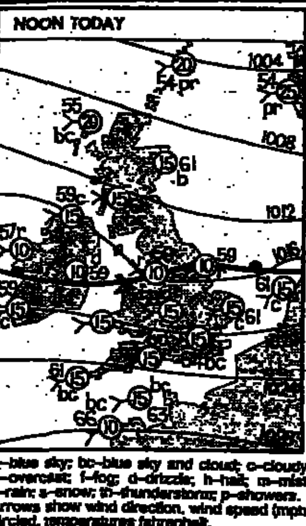
Orkney, Scotland: sunny periods, isolated showers, wind W moderate or fresh, max temp 14C (57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: some rain at first in central and N districts but becoming mostly dry with sunny periods in the S, becoming mostly warm.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): wind SW to W moderate or fresh, mainly fair, visibility moderate with fog patches, sea slight to moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind SW to W light or moderate, occasional rain, visibility mainly moderate with fog patches, sea slight.

Sun rises: 4.43 am. Sun sets: 9.19 pm
Moon sets: 4.20 am. Moon rises: 9.40 pm
Full Moon: 3.42 pm.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded Symbols are on advancing edge



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperature fahrenheit.

Lighting-up time

London 9.49 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 9.58 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.28 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.09 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.03 pm to 4.42 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	17	63	Guernsey	c	14	57
Birmingham	c	16	61	Inverness	r	14	57
Blackpool	f	15	59	Jersey	s	15	59
Bristol	c	16	61	London	c	17	63
Cardiff	f	17	63	Manchester	r	18	64
Edinburgh	f	16	61	Newcastle	c	15	59
Glasgow	r	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	12	54

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,023.7 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

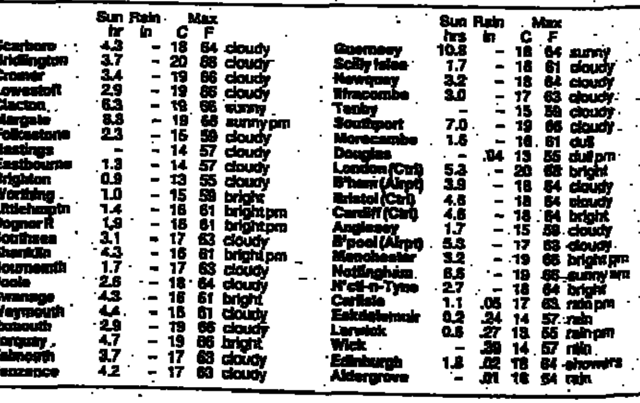
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Point of Ayre, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.91in.; highest sunshine: Jersey, 13.6hr.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.13	6.7	2.41	6.8
Aberdeen	1.42	4.0	2.02	4.1
Avonmouth	7.46	12.6	8.08	12.9
Belfast	11.31	3.4	11.52	3.4
Cardiff	7.31	11.6	7.54	11.9
Devonport	6.22	5.2	6.46	5.3
Dover	11.40	6.3	11.55	6.5
Falmouth	5.52	5.0	6.16	5.1
Glasgow	1.34	4.4	1.28	4.4
Harwich	–	–	12.34	3.8
Holyhead	10.52	5.4	11.12	5.4
Hull	6.49	7.1	7.07	7.2
Ilfracombe	6.26	8.7	6.49	8.8
Leith	2.49	5.4	3.18	5.5
Liverpool	11.48	9.1	–	–
Lowestoft	10.05	2.3	10.25	2.4
Margate	12.05	4.5	12.42	4.5
Milford Haven	6.43	6.7	7.05	6.8
Newquay	5.34	6.7	5.56	6.8
Oban	6.17	3.8	6.43	3.8
Penzance	5.20	5.3	5.42	5.4
Portland	7.32	1.9	8.03	2.1
Portsmouth	–	–	12.02	4.6
Shoreham	11.46	5.9	–	–
Southampton	11.27	4.4	11.42	4.5
Swansea	6.51	9.2	7.14	9.3
Tees	4.06	5.2	4.31	5.3
Walton-on-Naze	–	–	12.20	4.0

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	10.8	–	18	64	sunny
Scilly Isles	1.7	–	16	61	cloudy
Newquay	3.2	–	18	64	cloudy
Ilfracombe	3.0	–	17	63	cloudy
Tenby	–	–	15	59	cloudy
Southport	7.0	–	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	1.6	–	16	61	dull
Douglas	–	.04	13	55	dull pm
London (Cntr)	5.3	–	20	68	bright
B'ham (Airpt)	3.9	–	18	64	cloudy
Bristol (Cntr)	4.6	–	18	64	cloudy

Abroad

